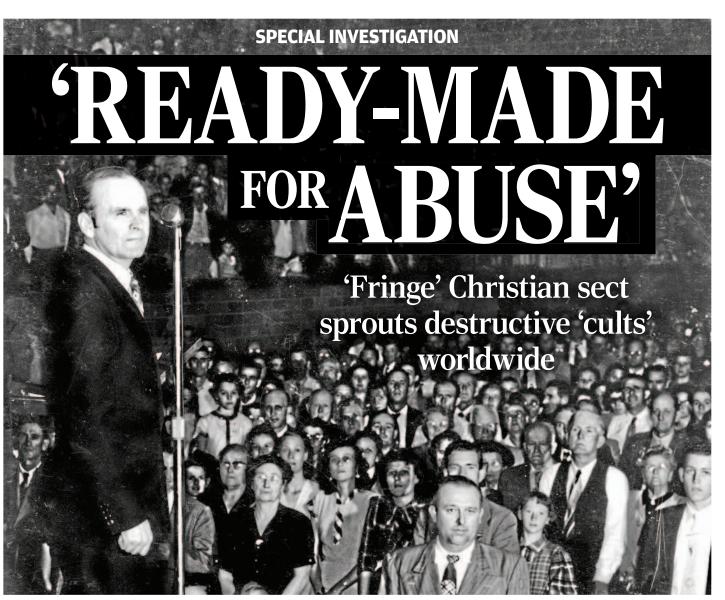


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Rev. William Branham stands before a large crowd of people there to hear him preach. Branham gained international fame in the '50s for his

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n a windy January 2024 night in South Phoenix, only a scattering of attendees occupied the pews at a church called Jericho Tabernacle. 🕆 But as the regular Wednesday service began, the sounds of a busier church filled the sanctuary.

It was the start of a recorded sermon, played over the speakers, from a church in Jeffersonville, Indiana, six decades before. † In 1963, children cried and grown-ups coughed as the sermon began. In Phoenix, the words of the 60-year-old sermon began scrolling across two mounted video monitors, one showing Spanish, the other English. † The speaker was William Branham, an American preacher considered God's prophet in Jericho Tabernacle and by millions of people around the world. Those followers have included a series of men who used Branham's teachings to form destructive cults. 🕆 The back wall of the tabernacle's pulpit featured a portrait of Jesus Christ on one side and a photo of Branham on the other. They were the same size. Please see MESSAGE, Page A16

This story contains descriptions of physical and sexual violence.

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Lee Enterprises investigative team and the Arizona Daily Star interviewed more than 50 former and current Message followers, experts and religious leaders for "Twisted Message." The series examines the lack of accountability in a Christian religious sect called "The Message." Some groups that claim to follow the faith have become controlling or destructive. This year-long investigation is the first news-media account of The Message and its global influence.

#### University of Arizona's administrative payroll went up

PRERANA SANNAPPANAVAR Arizona Daily Star

The University of Arizona's administrative payroll went up by more than \$1.5 million between fiscal years 2024 and 2025 – despite the elimination of 13 vice president positions.

The increase took the payroll for administrators to \$22.1 million, according to the UA's new First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025 report, which delves into employee headcounts and payroll spending. There are 285 administrators.

"What we saw was those vice presidents we talked about went away, but we hired other positions that replaced a lot of those," said UA's Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer John Arnold in an interview Tuesday with the Arizona Daily Star. "Specifically, we started a new college this year, which is the College of Health Sciences."

"There were seven administrators associated specifically with that college," he said. The Arizona Board of Regents approved the new college as part of a push at all three state universities to help address a shortage of health-care professionals.

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#### **Hotter temps** No. 1 trigger of West's drought

**TONY DAVIS Arizona Daily Star** 

Warming temperatures, not declining precipitation, have by far been the biggest triggers of the drought that has overpowered the Western climate since 2000, a new study finds.

The study looked at drought trends over 75 years in 11 Western states, including Arizona, since 1948. It concluded that until 1999, declining rainfall and other precipitation was the principal cause of drought conditions, but that temperature increases have been the biggest driving force behind the 21st-century drought.

Like many before it, the study directly tied the warming temperatures this century to human causes - the emission of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide due to the burning of fossil fuels, including oil and natural gas.

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#### **Drought**

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"The bottom line is the warmer it gets the stronger the drought gets. How much warmer it gets depends on how much CO2 is in the atmosphere," said Rong Fu, a co-author and a UCLA professor of oceanic and atmospheric sciences.

Assuming temperatures keep rising, and that keeps increasing evaporation, "droughts in the Western U.S. will be more intense, last longer, and become more frequent and widespread despite uncertainties in future precipitation," the study said.

The study examined both temperature and precipitation records and computer model findings to reach its conclusions. Researchers from UCLA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the University of Colorado-Boulder collaborated on the study. It was published in the journal Science Advances.

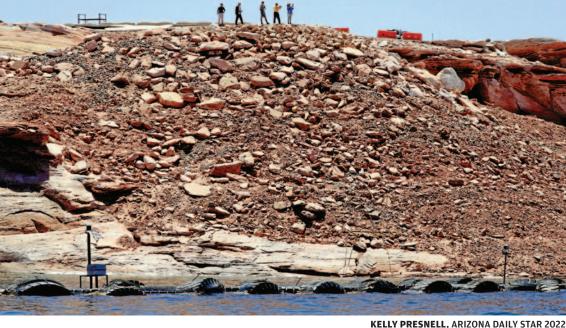
Since pre-industrial times, temperatures in the Western U.S. have risen faster than those worldwide, the study noted - about 3.6 decompared to nearly 2.7 degrees worldwide.

greenhouse gas emissions enough to keep global temperatures from rising more than that 2.7-degree figure worldwide, Fu said.

Specifically, the study measured drought conditions not by measuring rainfall and snowfall, but by how water is being received by the West's surface soils.

evaporation demand, you also lose more moisture," Fu said.

Another implication of the study states," Fu said. is that if continued temperature



Sightseers 20 or 30 feet above get photos of low water levels in Colorado River reservoir Lake Powell, plagued by drought, in 2022.

many climate scientists - condroughts, that means flows on the river basins will be dry." Colorado and other Western rivers will continue declining, she said.

The Colorado River provides grees Fahrenheit in this region drinking water to the Tucson and Phoenix areas, as well as drinking and irrigation supplies for 40 mil-The study's key implication lion people living in and near the is that society needs to control entire seven-state river basin. Its annual average flow is down nearly 20% since 2000.

Overall, "precipitation may go figure or at most the 3.6-degree up and down (over the years), but so far precipitation over the Western U.S. has not really changed significantly from 1948 up to now,"

"Some decades are dry. Some decades are wet. But there's not "If you have less rainfall, you lose a strong decreasing (precipitamore moisture. If you have higher tion) trend and we didn't find any significant increases in the trend, and this is for the entire 11 Western

increases – which are forecast by creases, with rainfall, it evaporates and water pollution."

before it makes it to the reservoir tinue to aggravate Southwestern or river," Fu said. "Therefore, these

> "The Colorado River will receive less and less flow, because the rainfall and the catchment area (that receives it) are more lost to evapotranspiration. Therefore, less could turn into runoff or streamflow to feed the Colorado," Fu said.

Historically, precipitation deficit has been the dominant factor in Western U.S. droughts, whereas evaporative demand, largely controlled by surface temperature, has been a minor factor until recent decades, when "droughts have become not only more pervasive but also more impactful over the Western U.S.," said the study.

The study also found that an increasing "concurrence" in recent years between precipitation deficits and heat waves amplifies "water and energy demands; intensify heat and water stresses for humans, "But when the temperature in- animals, and plants; and worsen air

Particularly since 2020, the Western drought has triggered frequent power shortages from hydropower production, intense and widespread wildfires, low reservoir inflows, reduced agricultural productivity, and ecosystem degradation, said the new study, citing previous research by NOAA.

The study cited the most recent severe drought in this region from 2020 through 2022 as a prime example of hotter weather overtaking precipitation as a principal cause of droughts. That was the West's worst drought since instrumental records started being kept in 1895.

The drought for the entire period since 2000 has been the worst drought in at least the past 1,200 years, based on tree ring records, another study found.

The new study found that a precipitation shortfall was the biggest contributor to the recent dry period until summer 2021. But for the entire three years, evaporation triggered by hot weather was respon-

sible for 61% of the region's dry conditions, the study concluded.

The study also concluded the 2020-22 Western drought was essentially a 1.000-year drought. meaning it has a 1 in 1,000 chance of happening in a given year. But if greenhouse gas emissions increase at their highest possible forecast rate in the future, the chances of a drought period like that will increase to 1 in 60, the study found. By

entist, of Colorado State University. his long-held view that the West there is more rainfall.

water," Udall said.

He said he's not even sure the 2020-22 drought was as rare as a

"Trying to put return periods on question that number.

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2100, it said, the odds will be 1 in 6. Brad Udall, another climate sci-

said this study's findings amplify can experience droughts even when "I keep saying to decision-mak-

ers, 'precipitation is not runoff. Do not confuse precipitation with runoff;" said Udall, who has long raised strong concerns about increasing temperatures' impacts on river flows. "To get runoff, you have a series of challenges that water from the sky has to overcome, for water to end up in your rivers and creeks.

"All those processes are related to the demand the atmosphere has for water, the demand plants have for water, the demand soil wants for

1,000-year event.

these events is damn near impossible because the climate is changing. To have return period numbers requires a long stable climate, to be precise in calculating them. So I

"What's important there is that that they are telling us these kind of events will be far more frequent in the future," Udall said of the new study's researchers. "That makes perfect sense in a warming and drying climate."

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### **Frustration grows** at UN climate talks

AND SIBI ARASU **Associated Press** 

BAKU, Azerbaijan – Good or bad, the United Nations climate negotiations process itself became the focus of the international talks that aim to curb warming from coal, oil and natural

Environmental advocates released reports Friday decrying fossil fuel industry influence at the climate talks called COP29. At the same former United Nations secretary-general and ex-top climate negotiators called for dramatic reform. And deals in annual conferences the COP process to an unthe conference's chief negotiator said current talks aimed at striking a deal worth hundreds of billions of dollars to help finance a transition to clean energy and adapting to climate slowly.

All that put the focus on process – not results.

"We consider COP29 as a litmus test for the global climate architecture," conferconference.

The letter signed by former U.N. chief Ban Ki-Moon, former U.N. climate secretary Christiana Figueres and former Ireland President Mary Robinson called attendance list of the talks for "a fundamental overhaul of the COP."

"We need a shift from interests. negotiation to implementation," it said.

Two signees — Figueres and Johan Rockstrom, director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research — said the letter was misinterpreted as criticism of the climate talks. They fuel lobbyists are here at preindustrial times. "We're said it was intended to show COP29. That is not acceptsupport for the process, which they said worked and just needs to shift into a new mode.

Instead of spending so much effort negotiating new



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time, a letter signed by a Yalchin Rafiyev, Azerbaijan's COP29 lead negotiator, speaks Friday during a news conference at the COP29 U.N. Climate Summit in Baku, Azerbaijan.

> that can attract 70,000 people, the process should be smaller and more frequent and aimed at putting what was already agreed upon into action, Rockstrom said.

Climate Analytics CEO change - were going too Bill Hare said he had issues with some of the suggestions in the letter and native." personally considers the COP process broken. His analysis this week showed that in the past three years, ence lead negotiator Yalchin warming projections for the Rafiyev said at a Friday news future — based on negotiations, promises and policies slightly went up.

Big Polluters Out coalition said Friday that the official featured at least 1,770 people connected to fossil fuel

of the International Climate matter. Politics Hub, suggested there should be a "firewall" between fossil fuel lobbyists, U.N. climate bodies and negotiators from countries. "We know over 1,700 fossil or 2.7 Fahrenheit – above able," she said.

dent Al Gore said "it's un- nerable is at the core of this fortunate that the fossil framework." fuel industry and the petrostates have seized control of

healthy degree."

COP29 negotiator Rafiyev defended the process. "The process has already delivered, the COP process so far by reducing projected warming, delivering finance to those in need," he said. "It's better than any alter-

One key benefit of the U.N. climate talks process is it's the only place where vulnerable small island nations have an equal seat at the table, United Nations Environment Programme - stayed the same or even Executive Director Inger Andersen said. Still, the An analysis from the Kick process has its limits, she

At a news conference, Alliance of Small Islands States Chair Cedric Schuster said the negotiating bloc felt the need to remind ev-Catherine Abreu, director eryone else why the talks

"We're here to defend the Paris agreement," Schuster said, referring to the climate deal in 2015 to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius concerned that countries are forgetting that protect-Former U.S. Vice Presi- ing the world's most vul-

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#### U of A

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The seven positions were filled internally while former President Robert C. Robbins was still in charge, said UA spokesperson Mitch Zak. He confirmed they were hired after the university's "hiring freeze," which was lifted on June 30.

"The new college has been in the works for years, and it was really born out of the Board of Regents' desire to expand health care for Arizonans," said Arnold. "The university responded to that by developing these additional offerings that are in high, high demand and there's high, high needs for those offerings in the state."

Despite the higher administrative payroll, cutting the 13 vice president positions did save costs for the university, Zak said. The VP contracts did not involve buyouts when the positions were cut, and the contracts concluded when their work was done, he said.

Administrative payroll spending for FY 2025 breaks down to \$17.2 million for colleges; about \$1 million for the provost's office — which includes academic affairs, student life, diversity and inclusion, enrollment management, Arizona online, outreach, distance and continuing education, Arizona international and undergraduate education, and all academic and student support priorities; and \$3.8 million for central administration.

#### Faculty positions cut

In the new report, the UA also in fiscal year 2024. revealed that 42 full-time faculty 2,594 from 2,636, as the university worked to reduce its deficit ulty increased from 517 to 554.



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Students walk around the University of Arizona mall.



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However, Arnold told the Star positions were cut, taking the the number of full-time faculty 2,594 to 2,607 and part-time fac-

"The (hiring) freeze is off, we're processing new hires everyday, our employee count continues to go up," said Arnold. "... Hiring full-time faculty count down to has already been brought up from continues to go, but that's part of the natural cycle the university is on. We hit our low-point

employment probably mid-July, and then it starts to climb, and it continues to climb until probably February-March, and then it starts to decline as we wind down towards the end of the year."

He said fiscal year 2025's "employee numbers have returned to levels comparable to those seen two years ago in the first quarter of fiscal year 2023." Arnold called that "pretty powerful."

The number of full-time service professionals increased from 35 to 36, and the ranks of postdoctoral scholars remained stagnant at 129.

Every other section saw a reof FY 2024 and 2025. The number of classified staff went from 433 to 348 (-85), professionals from 342 to 291 (-51), and academic professionals decreased from 210 to 194

UA Global Campus employees.

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In full-time positions, faculty payroll took the biggest drop, going down from \$75.5 million to \$71.6 million. Classified staff payroll took the second-highest hit, dropping from \$5.47 million to \$4.47 million. Academic professionals' payroll decreased from \$5.4 million to \$4.8 million, and professional employees' payroll dropped to \$1.7 million from \$2.2 million.

In deciding where to cut budgets university-wide, "We relied heavily on the deans," said Arnold. "I was relatively new to the university, so the provost (Ron Marx) and I met with every single dean last spring, starting February, March and April, went through the budgets for their departments, asked them to bring forward ideas on how they could reduce their budgets, and we gave some guidance. We accepted their ideas and then asked them to implement the budget they were assigned. And so yeah, those decisions on how to implement were really at the college level."

In payrolls for part-time employees, assistant/associate employees' payroll was cut from \$7.1 million to \$5.7 million; part-time student workers' costs were reduced from \$3.6 million to \$3.3 million; and part-time faculty costs went down from \$2.7 million to \$2.6 million.

Arnold said it isn't clear if the number of graduate associates/ assistants will rise to what it was before the deficit.

"Graduate assistants depends duction between the first quarters on workload and then dollars," he said. "We certainly want to employ and support graduate assistants, same with student workers. And, you know, I'd very much like to see our employment of student workers come back up as we sta-The spending report excludes bilize and move forward."

#### **Climate**

From A3

New data Friday from an organization co-founded by Gore that combines observations and artificial intelligence found cities in Asia and the United States

heat-trapping carbon dioxide, world," Gore said. methane and nitrous oxide, as well as other traditional air pol- and methane pollution grew the nations of Colombia or Nor- to 2023, while Venezuela, Japan, manity," Gore said.

the first time in more than 9,000 urban areas.

more than 1 billion metric tons of comprehensive coverage and we metric tons and Houston's 150 greenhouse gases, all of them in have observed more emissions China, except Texas, which ranks

"One of the sites in the Permemit the most heat-trapping gas. ian Basin in Texas is by far the No. Climate Trace quantifies 1 worst polluting site in the entire

lutants worldwide, including for 0.7% to 61.2 billion metric tons way. Tokyo's 250 million metric Germany, the United Kingdom with methane rising 0.2%. The figures are higher than other nations if it were a country, while Seven states or provinces spew datasets "because we have such New York City's 160 million in more sectors than are typically available," said Gavin Mc-Cormick, Climate Trace's co-

Shanghai's 256 million metric

tons would rank in the top 40 of million metric tons would be in the top 50 of countrywide emissions. Seoul, South Korea, ranks fifth among cities at 142 million metric tons.

China, India, Iran, Indonesia pollution, Gore said. tons of greenhouse gases led all and Russia had the biggest in-

and the United States had the biggest decreases in pollution.

The dataset also looked at traditional pollutants such as carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds, ammonia, sulfur dioxide and other chemicals associated with dirty air. Burning fossil fuels releases both types of

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### Lebanese children bear physical, mental toll of war

SARAH EL DEEB **AND MALAK HARB Associated Press** 

BEIRUT - Curled up in his father's lap, clinging to his chest. Hussein Mikdad cried his heart out. The 4-year-old kicked his doctor with his intact foot and pushed him away with the arm that was not in a cast.

"Make him leave me alone!" he cried. His father reassured him and pulled him closer, his eyes tearing in grief - and gratitude that his son was healing.

Hussein and his father, Hassan, were the only survivors from their family when an Israeli strike last month collapsed their home in Beirut, killing 18 people including Hussein's his brother.

Doctors at American University of Beirut Medical Center repaired Hussein's fractured thigh and the torn tendons in his arm. Hussein should be able to frastructure in residential walk again in two months, areas. albeit with a lingering limp, they say.

A prognosis for Hussein's killing families. invisible wounds is much harder. He is back in diapers and has begun wetting his bed. He hardly speaks. He hasn't asked about his and emotionally wounded," mother and siblings, his said Ghassan Abu Sittah, a father said.

the Oct. 21 strike hit a Hezbollah target, without elaborating.

Children have often been the victims as Israel has tripled the capacity of its escalated its bombardment in Lebanon since late September. More than 100 have been killed and hundreds wounded in the past medical director Naji Abisix weeks, according to the rached. Lebanese Health Ministry. Of the 14,000 wounded by Israeli fire the past year, dren. around 10% are children.

Hezbollah to stop the Lebanese militant group's fire on northern Israel, which began just after Hamas'



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mother, his two sisters and Hassan Mikdad holds his son Hussein Mikdad, 4, who was injured Oct. 2 in an Israeli airstrike at a densely populated neighborhood south of Beirut, during a check-up by his doctor at American University of Beirut Medical Center on Nov. 5 in Beirut, Lebanon.

> Oct. 7 attack triggered the war in Gaza. It says Hezbollah hides its fighters and in-

Increasingly, strikes have been hitting homes and

"It leaves us with a generation of physically wounded children, children who are psychologically renowned British-Pales-The Israeli military said tinian reconstructive sur-Hussein.

> Beirut's Lebanon Hospital Geitaoui has nearly burn center, already one of Lebanon's largest, since September to accommodate war wounded, said its

About a fifth of newly admitted patients are chil-

Ivana Skakye turned 2 Israel vowed to cripple last week in one of the burn center's ICU units. The tiny girl is wrapped in gauze lower body — six weeks af— were playing on the terrace.



**HUSSEIN MALLA, ASSOCIATED PRESS** 

geon who is also treating Ivana Skakye, 2, is a Lebanese child who suffered thirddegree burns over 40 percent of her body after an Israeli airstrike in September near their home in Deir Qanoun al Nahr, a village in south Lebanon. She is seen at Geitaoui hospital where she is receiving treatment Oct. 29 in Beirut,

> ter an Israeli strike left her They were covered with with third-degree burns over 40% of her body.

Fatima Zayoun, her mother, was in the kitchen when the Sept. 23 strike hit outside their home in a southern village. The house was damaged and a fire broke out.

Zayoun rushed to grab around her head, arms and her two daughters, who

black ash, she said.

Ivana was unrecognizable, her hair burned away. "I told myself, That is not her," Zayoun said.

Ivana's 7-year-old sister Rahaf had burns to her face and hands and has recovered more quickly. Ivana could be discharged in a few

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### Trump has vowed to kill offshore wind projects

WAYNE PARRY

**Associated Press** 

the White House.

Many of the largest offshore wind companies put and ignoring the incoming president's oft-stated hostility to them.

In campaign appear-Trump railed dustry. ances, against offshore wind and promised to sign an execprojects.

"They destroy everything, they're horrible, the most expensive en-"They ruin the environment, they kill the birds, they kill the whales."

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. state scientific agencies say Opponents of offshore there is no evidence linking wind energy projects ex- offshore wind preparation those projects but might pect President-elect Don- to a spate of whale deaths ald Trump to kill an indus- along the U.S. East Coast in try he has vowed to end on recent years. Turbines have the first day he returns to been known to kill shorebirds, but the industry and But it might not be that regulators say there are policies to mitigate harm to the environment.

Trump has railed against a brave face on the election offshore wind turbines results, pledging to work spoiling the view from with Trump and Congress a golf course he owns in to build power projects Scotland. But numerous environmental groups say the real reason he opposes offshore wind is his support for the fossil fuel in-

There is almost 65 gigawatts of offshore wind cautive order to block such pacity under development in the U.S., enough to "We are going to make power more than 26 milsure that that ends on Day lion homes, and some tur-1," Trump said in a May bines are already spinning speech. "I'm going to write in several states, accordit out in an executive order. ing to the American Clean It's going to end on Day 1." Power Association.

operating Currently projects include the Block Island Wind Farm in Rhode ing more protection for ergy there is," Trump said. Island, the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind pilot project and the South Fork Wind Farm about 35 miles

Numerous federal and east of Montauk Point on New York's Long Island.

> Trump is unlikely to end have more leverage over ones still in the planning stage, those in the debate

> Bob Stern, who headed an office in the U.S. Energy Department responsible for environmental protection during the Ford, Carter and Reagan administrations, said Trump can get Congress to reduce or eliminate tax credits for offshore wind that were granted in the Biden administration's Inflation Reduction Act. Those credits are an integral part of the finances of many offshore wind projects.

> Stern, who leads the New Jersey anti-offshore wind group Save LBI, said Trump also could issue executive orders prohibiting further offshore leases and rescinding approval for ones already approved while pushing Congress to amend federal laws grant-

> marine mammals. The president-elect also

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#### **CHINA** | NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES



### Reactor would power aircraft carrier

Advantages include no need to refuel, more room for weapons

**DAVID RISING AND DIDI TANG** | Associated Press hina has built a land-based prototype nuclear reactor for a large surface warship, the clearest sign yet Beijing is advancing toward producing the country's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, according to a new analysis of satellite imagery and Chinese government documents provided to The Associated Press.

There have long been rumors that China is planning to build a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, but the research by the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in California is the first to confirm it is working on a nuclear-powered propulsion system for a carrier-sized surface warship.

#### Why is China's pursuit of nuclearpowered carriers significant?

China's navy is already the world's largest numerically, and it has been rapidly modernizing. Adding nuclear-powered carriers to its fleet would be a major step in realizing its ambitions for a true "blue-water" force capable of operating around the globe in a growing challenge to the United States.

Nuclear carriers take longer to build than conventional carriers, but once in operation

they are able to stay at sea for much longer because they do not need to refuel, and there is more room on board for fuel and weapons for aircraft, thus extending their capabilities. They are also able to produce more power to run advanced systems.

Right now, only the United States and France have nuclear-powered carriers. The U.S. has 11 in total, which allows it to keep multiple strike groups deployed around the world at all times, including in the Indo-Pacific. But the Pentagon is growingly increasingly concerned about China's rapid modernization of its fleet, including the design and construction of new carriers.

China currently has three carriers, including the new Type 003 Fujian, which was the first both designed and built by China. It has said work is already underway on a fourth, but it has not announced whether that will be nuclear or conventionally powered. The modernization aligns with China's "growing emphasis on the maritime domain and increasing demands" for its navy "to operate at greater distances from mainland China," the Defense Department said in its most recent report to Congress on China's military.

#### How did researchers conclude China built a prototype reactor for a carrier?

Middlebury researchers were initially investigating a mountain site outside the city of Leshan in the southwest Chinese province of Sichuan over suspicions that China was building a reactor to produce plutonium or tritium for weapons. Instead, they said they determined that China was building a prototype reactor for a large warship.

The conclusion was based on a wide variety of sources, including satellite images, project tenders, personnel files and environmental impact studies.

The reactor is housed in a new facility built at the site known as Base 909, which is under the control of the Nuclear Power Institute of China.

Documents indicating that China's 701 Institute, which is responsible for aircraft carrier development, procured reactor equipment "intended for installation on a large surface warship," as well as the project's "national defense designation," helped lead to the conclusion the sizable reactor is a prototype for a next-generation aircraft carrier.

#### What does China say?

Chinese President Xi Jinping has tasked defense officials with building a "firstclass" navy and becoming a maritime power as part of his blueprint for the country's great rejuvenation.

The country's most recent white paper on national defense, dated 2019, said the Chinese navy was adjusting to strategic requirements by "speeding up the transition of its tasks from defense on the near seas to protection missions on the far seas."

Sea trials hadn't even started for the new Fujian aircraft carrier in March when Yuan Huazhi, political commissar for China's People's Liberation Army Navy, confirmed the construction of a fourth carrier. Asked if it would be nuclear-powered, he said at the time that would "soon be announced," but so far it has not been.

Neither China's Defense Ministry nor Foreign Affairs Ministry responded to requests for comment.

Even if the carrier that has been started will likely be another conventionally powered Type 003 ship, experts say Chinese shipyards have the capability to work on more than one carrier at a time, and they could produce a new nuclear-powered vessel concurrently.

### New government 'cost cutter' may have ethics issues

MATT O'BRIEN AND TOM KRISHER **Associated Press** 

In picking billionaire Elon Musk to be "our cost cutter" for the U.S. government, President-elect Donald Trump won't be the first American president to empower a business tycoon to look for ways to dramatically cut tederal regulations.

President Ronald Reagan tapped J. Peter Grace to lead a bureaucratic cost-cutting commission in 1982. Still, the chemical business magnate had fewer conflicts of interest than the world's richest man does

Musk's SpaceX holds billions of dollars in NASA contracts. He's CEO of Tesla, an electric car business that benefits from government tax incentives and is subject to auto safety rules. His social media platform X, artificial intelligence startup xAI, brain implant maker Neuralink and tunnel-building Boring company all intersect with the federal government in various

"There's direct conflicts between his businesses and government's interest," said Ann Skeet, director of leadership ethics at Santa Clara University's Markkula Center. "He's now in a position to try and curry favor for those enterprises."

Musk is also more influential, having pumped an estimated \$200 million through his political action committee to help elect Trump, made himself a fixture at Mar-a-Lago since the presidential election and is on regular speaking terms with like-minded political world leaders, from Argentina's President Javier Milei to Italy's Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni.

Trump has said Musk and former GOP presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy will lead a new "Department of Government Efficiency," or DOGE, – a joke name that references the cryptocurrency Dogecoin and appeals to Musk's sense of humor.

"We finally have a mandate to delete the mountain of choking regulations that do not serve the greater good," Musk said Wednesday on X.

Trump has said that Musk and Ramaswamy will work from outside the government to offer the White House "advice and guidance" and will partner with the Office of Management and Budget to drive structural reform — some of which could only be done through Congress.

"If it's a commission, it's outside the government" and Musk could not have a White House office or official government title, said Richard Painter, a White House ethics lawyer during the George W. Bush administration. "Then, the president takes the advice or doesn't."

If it were a true government



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Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk, left, and Republican presidential nominee former President Donald Trump attend a campaign event at the Butler Farm Show on Oct. 5 in Butler, Pa.



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President Ronald Reagan displays reports given to him by J. Peter Grace, right, of the Private Sector Survey on Waste and Cost Control in Government on Jan. 16, 1984, at the White House in Washington.

afoul of federal conflict of interest laws unless he divested from his businesses or recused from government matters involving them, ence. Painter said.

Trump could grant a rare waiver exempting Musk from those laws, a move that has been politically unpopular in the past, Painter said.

Tesla, SpaceX and X didn't immediately respond to requests for comment Wednesday about whether Musk would recuse himself. The Trump transition team

a request for comment.

However it is structured, Musk's ideas are expected to have an influ-

Tesla, the electric vehicle company that made Musk the world's wealthiest person, has had repeated skirmishes with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which regulates vehicle safety. So any cuts to NHTSA funding or staffing could help Tesla.

The agency has forced Tesla to do recalls it didn't want, and it has

agency, however, Musk would run also didn't immediately respond to opened investigations of Tesla vehicles, some of which raised questions about Musk's claims that Tesla is close to deploying autonomous vehicles without human

> Auto safety advocates are worried that a Department of Government Efficiency co-chaired by Musk could propose draconian

cuts at NHTSA. "That could be incredibly problematic because that would impact

companies that Musk owns," said Michael Brooks, executive director of the nonprofit Center for Auto Safety, a watchdog group.

If implemented, Musk's plan for efficiency at NHTSA could mirror what he did when he took over Twitter - draconian staff cuts, said Missy Cummings, director of the autonomy and robotics center at George Mason University and a former safety adviser to NHTSA.

While Cummings concedes there is room for much of the federal government to become more efficient, she said that NHTSA is already understaffed and she predicted that Musk would try to slow or stop NHTSA investigations or handicap the agency so it would have trouble enforcing regula-

Launching test flights out of South Texas, SpaceX's mega rocket Starship is how NASA intends to land astronauts on the moon for the first time in more than a half-century. NASA has awarded more than \$4 billion to SpaceX for the first two human moon landings coming up later this decade under the Artemis program. Musk has been at odds with the Federal Aviation Administration for slowing Starship over what he contends is excessive bureaucracy.

SpaceX also has racked up multiple contracts with NASA over the past decade for launching supplies and astronauts to the International Space Station. The contracts for crew flights alone from 2020 through 2030 total \$5 billion.

More recently, in June, NASA awarded an \$843 million contract to SpaceX to provide the vehicle for deorbiting the International Space Station at the end of its lifetime in early 2031, directing it to a fiery re-entry over the Pacific.

The social media platform X is another Musk company that has drawn scrutiny from federal regulators. The Federal Trade Commission has probed Musk's handling of sensitive consumer data after he took control of the company in 2022 but has not brought enforcement action. The SEC has an ongoing investigation of Musk's purchase of the social media company.

Musk has been forceful with his political views on the platform, changing its rules, content moderation systems and algorithms to conform with his world view. After Musk endorsed Trump following an attempt on the former president's life last summer, the platform has transformed into a megaphone for Trump's campaign, offering an unprecedented level of every rule-making from all of the free advertising that is all but imagencies that currently oversee possible to calculate the value of.

#### **ENVIRONMENT** | CLIMATE CHANGE

# Key problem

#### Rising sea levels threaten Florida's iconic deer

#### FREIDA FRISARO, LYNNE SLADKY AND DANIEL KOZIN **Associated Press**

he world's only Key deer, the smallest subspecies of the white-tailed deer, are found in piney and marshy wetlands bordered by the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico on the Florida Keys.

For years, their biggest threat was being struck by vehicles, but sea rise now poses the biggest long-term risk for this herd of about 800 deer.

These diminutive deer were listed as endangered for almost 60 years after their numbers dipped to about 50 from hunting and poaching long ago. They made a comeback, with a peak population of about 1,000 in the mid-2010s before a deadly parasite and Hurricane Irma took a heavy toll.

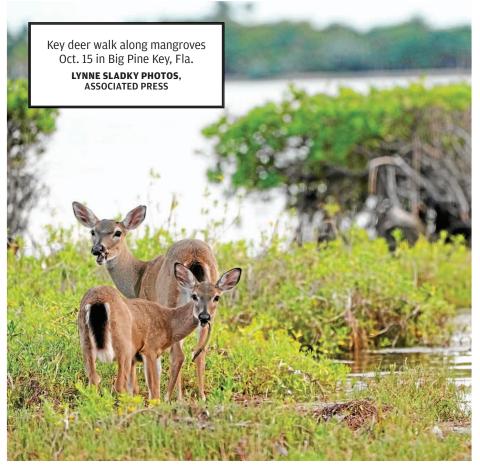
Experts and wildlife advocates say this conservation success story today is at risk of being undone by climate change. Sea level rise is altering the landscape of Big Pine Key and at least 20 smaller islands that are the sole habitat of the deer.

Key deer are smaller than their North American counterparts, with the biggest less than 3 feet tall at the shoulder and weighing about 75 pounds.

"They were always vulnerable," said Chris Bergh, the South Florida program manager for the Nature Conservancy, who oversees sea level rise projects and lives in Big Pine Key. "They're much more vulnerable now. And with the sea level rising and their habitat shrinking, they're becoming even more so."

#### Highway deaths

On Big Pine Key, bars and restaurants dot either side of bustling U.S. Highway 1, along with gas stations and small motels. The main industry revolves around the water — charter boats, fishing, diving,





Key deer walk in a residential neighborhood Oct. 15 in Big Pine Key, Fla.

vacation rentals.

To protect the deer from vehicles, signs tell motorists they're entering deer habitat. A 2-mile stretch of U.S. 1 is elevated and fenced, allowing deer to cross under the road. Speed limits are strictly enforced.

Deer still are struck at an alarming rate. "The bottom line is that some 90 to 120 deer are known to be killed by vehicles each year," said Jan Svejkovsky, chief scientist for Save Our Key Deer.

Wildlife officials worked hard get out the message: Don't feed Key deer. They fear deer will approach cars and go near roadways for handouts.



Jan Svejkovsky, chief scientist for Save Our Key Deer, watches one of the animals Oct. 16 in front of his home in Big Pine Key, Fla.

#### Climate change

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration projects that by 2100, seas will rise 1.5 feet to 7 feet in parts of the Florida Keys. The threat is greatest to low lying islands like Big Pine Key, where the highest point is only about 8 feet above sea level.

Sea rise will continue to shrink freshwater and food sources Key deer need to survive, experts say. Climate change also brings the threat of stronger hurricanes, with storm surges that can damage deer habitat and freshwater supplies.

Saltwater intrusion also is responsi-

ble for killing many of the Florida slash pines that gave Big Pine Key its name. Mangroves grow in their place in an ever-changing environment, choking deer habitat even more.

#### **Shrinking habitat**

The bulk of the deer live on Big Pine Key, a mostly rural marshy island 30 miles from Key West. They roam neighborhoods where about 4,500 people live, browsing on lush gardens and drinking water from buckets residents put out for them as natural freshwater supplies dwindle.

"They are very gentle, very, very gentle," said Connie Ritchie, who sometimes sees about 30 deer a day. "And the longer you live here, the more you want to protect them. Big time. Protect them because they're so innocent."

"They have certain plants that they really love," Ritchie said, noting the federal deer refuge here gives away native plants. "So they're trying to teach us to plant the plants that the deer won't eat."

Development on Big Pine Key began in the 1970s and 1980s "when entire swaths of land on islands that still held deer were developed into planned subdivisions," said Svejkovsky of Save Our Key Deer.

"We have lots of people and the wildlife living in the same really concentrated area," said Katy Hosokawa, a park ranger at the National Key Deer Refuge, established in 1957 on 8,542 acres of Big Pine

#### **Future uncertain**

Just 6 inches of sea rise, expected by 2030, would mean loss of 16% of the freshwater holes on Big Pine Key, said Nova Silvy, professor emeritus with Texas A&M University who has studied Key deer since 1968 and lived here for several years.

By 2050, sea rise is expected to overtake about 84% of the 1,988 remaining acres of the preferred habitat on Big Pine Key and "the deer will already be gone," Silvy

Bergh said he prefers to buy more time to keep the deer viable here. "And at some point, if that's no longer possible, I personally think zoos are the most responsible alternative," he said. "But that's a terrible alternative. Who wants that for a wild animal?"

In rare instances, scientists were allowed to relocate endangered species threatened by climate change. "The problem is if you take them any

other place with deer," Silvy said, "they're going to interbreed and then you've lost the Key deer."

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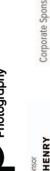
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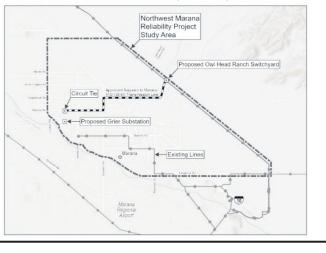
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### WEEK IN REVIEW

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#### IN THE NEWS **Trump fills Cabinet** with loyal aides, allies

President-elect Donald Trump spent this past week naming some nominees to fill key posts in his second administration, putting an emphasis on aides and allies who backed him during the 2024 campaign. Here's a look at some of his more notable nominations:

- Chief of staff: Susie Wiles
- Secretary of state: Marco Rubio
- Attorney general:
- Matt Gaetz ■ Director of national intelligence: Tulsi Gabbard
- **■** Defense secretary: Pete Hegseth
- Secretary of Homeland Security: Kristi Noem
- **■** Director of Environmental **Protection Agency:** Lee Zeldin
- 'Border czar': Tom Homan ■ CIA director: John Ratcliffe

**US HOUSE:** House Speaker Mike Johnson won the Republican nomination Wednesday to stay on the job, on track to keep the gavel after a morning endorsement from President-elect Donald Trump ahead of a full House vote in Ianuary.

**US SENATE:** Republicans elected South Dakota Sen. John Thune, 63, as the next Senate majority leader, completing a momentous shift in their leadership that elevates a top deputy of Mitch McConnell into a key position.

GOP SWEEP: As ballot counting wrapped up on Wednesday in Arizona and California, Republicans won enough seats -218 - to control the U.S. House, securing their hold on U.S. government alongside President-elect Donald Trump. Republicans earlier gained control of the Senate from Democrats.



#### **US HONORS THOSE WHO SERVED IN ARMED FORCES**

Cities across the U.S. marked Veterans Day on Monday with parades, solemn ceremonies and other remembrances. President Joe Biden laid a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery, while thousands marched through the streets of New York to honor Americans who served in the military. Smaller parades were held across the nation. The Veterans Day holiday observed in the U.S. began more than a century ago as Armistice Day to celebrate of the end of World War I. Above, a child waves a bundle of flags while placing them on graves at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery on the grounds of Evergreen Washelli Funeral Home and Cemetery on Monday in Seattle.

#### **BIG NUMBER**

**523** Suicides in the U.S. military in 2023, according to a Defense Department report released Thursday. The increase, from 493 in 2022, was a setback after deaths dipped slightly the previous year.

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It is literally one of the most technologically advanced and sophisticated projects of its kind that has ever been pursued." - Microsoft President

Brad Smith, after the Vatican and Microsoft on Monday unveiled a digital twin of St. Peter's Basilica that uses artificial intelligence to explore one of the world's most important monuments.

#### THE WATER COOLER

GRAMMY NOMINATIONS: The BOBBY ALLISON (1937-2024): 2025 Grammy Award nominations were announced Nov. 8, and Beyonce led with 11, bringing her career total to 99 nominations. That makes her the most nominated artist in Grammy history. "Cowboy Carter" is up for album and country album of the year, and "Texas Hold 'Em" is nominated for record, song and country song of the year.

**SONGWRITERS:** Eminem, Boy George, George Clinton, Sheryl Crow, Janet Jackson, the Doobie Brothers, N.W.A. and Alanis Morissette were nominated this past week for induction into an eclectic group of rap, rock, hip-hop and pop pioneers. Also on the ballot are Bryan Adams, Mike Love of the Beach Boys and David Gates.

Bobby Allison, founder of racing's "Alabama Gang" and a NASCAR Hall of Famer, died Nov. 9 at age 86. NASCAR released a statement from Allison's family that said he died at home in Mooresville, North Carolina. A cause of death wasn't given.

**SEXIEST MAN:** People magazine announced Tuesday that actor-writer-director John Krasinski is People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive for 2024. Krasinski starred in "The Office" before launching the "Quiet Place" franchise and leading the action series "Jack Ryan." He takes the the Songwriters Hall of Fame, mantle from last year's honoree, Patrick Dempsey. Previous recipients include Brad Pitt, George Clooney, John Legend, Michael B. Jordan and Pierce Brosnan.

#### IN THE NEWS Rent, cars, airfares spur inflation bump

WASHINGTON - Inflation in the United States ticked up in October, driven by costlier rents, used cars and airfares, a sign that price increases might be leveling off after having slowed in September to their lowest pace since 2021.

Consumer prices rose 2.6% from a year earlier, the Labor Department said Wednesday, up from 2.4% in September. It was the first increase in annual inflation in seven months. From September to October, prices edged up 0.2%, the same as the previous month.

Excluding volatile food and energy costs, "core" prices rose 3.3% from a year earlier, just as in September. From September to October, core prices rose 0.3% for a third straight month.

ABU GHRAIB: A U.S. jury on Tuesday awarded \$42 million to three former detainees of Iraq's notorious Abu Ghraib prison, holding a Virginia-based military contractor responsible for contributing to their torture and mistreatment two decades ago.

JACK TEIXEIRA: U.S. District Judge Indira Talwani sentenced Massachusetts Air National Guard member Jack Teixeira to 15 years in prison Tuesday after he pleaded guilty to leaking highly classified military documents about the war in Ukraine.

HAITI FLIGHTS: The Federal Aviation Administration announced Tuesday that it will prohibit U.S. airlines from flying to Haiti for 30 days after gangs shot two planes, and the United Nations will temporarily suspend flights to Port-au-Prince, limiting humanitarian aid coming into the country.

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### NATION & WORLD

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#### Fire kills 10 newborns in Indian hospital unit

LUCKNOW, India - A fire tore through a neonatal intensive care unit in a hospital in India, killing 10 newborn babies and injuring 16 others, authorities said.

Officials said the fire late Friday, in Jhansi in India's Uttar Pradesh state, spread quickly through the ward where 55 infants were being treated. Forty-five babies were rescued and are receiving medical care, local official Bimal Kumar Dubey

initial investigation pointed to lapses in safety protocols, including expired fire extinguishers and nonfunctional fire alarms, which officials say delayed rescue efforts. Authorities are conducting a thorough probe. Brajesh Pathak, deputy chief minister of the state, visited the hospital and met with families Saturday. He said DNA tests were being used to identify babies' bodies.

#### **Stabbing attack kills 8** at school in Chinese city

BEIJING — A stabbing attack Saturday at a vocational school in the Chinese city of Wuxi left eight people dead and 17 others injured, police there said.

The attack took place at the Wuxi Vocational Institute of Arts and Technology in Yixing, a smaller city within Wuxi, at about 6:30 p.m., Yixing police said. The suspect, a 21-year old male student surnamed Xu, was detained on site.

Police said Xu failed his examinations and could not graduate, and he was dissatisfied about his pay at an internship. He decided to vent his frustrations via the attack, the statement said.

This is the second deadly attack within a week after a man drove his car into people at a sports facility in the southern city of Zhuhai, leaving 35 people dead and injured 43 others. Authorities said that man was upset over his divorce settlement.

#### **BRIEFLY**

BIDEN: In their final meeting, China's leader Xi Jinping told U.S. President Ioe Biden on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific **Economic Cooperation summit** Saturday that "China is ready to work with a new administration," as President-elect Don-

**MPOX:** Health officials said Saturday they confirmed the first U.S. case of a new form of mpox first seen in eastern Congo. The person traveled to eastern Africa and was treated in California upon return, the state Department of Public Health said. The risk to the public is low.

**VENEZUELA:** Nongovernmental organizations in Venezuela announced the release from prison Saturday of some of the thousands of people detained during and after deadly anti-government protests around the disputed July presidential election.

**PLANE STRUCK:** A bullet hit a Southwest Airlines plane preparing for departure from a Dallas airport, forcing the cancellation of the Friday flight, the airline said. No injuries were re-

**STORM:** Tropical Storm Sara started moving slightly faster Saturday after it stalled over Honduras, drenching the northern coast of the country, swelling rivers and trapping some people in their homes. Sustained rain fell overnight and continued Saturday in San Pedro Sula, where access to an entire community was cut off when a river crossing washed away.

TURTLE: An endangered sea turtle that was found about a year ago about 5,000 miles from its native waters was released into the Gulf of Mexico, according to the Houston Zoo. The Kemp's ridley sea turtle, named Boeier after the boat that rescued it, was found off the coast of the Netherlands after becoming entangled in the net of a commercial fishing boat.

- Associated Press

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TRUMP CABINET

### Musk pitches public poll

He endorses financial CEO friendly to crypto for head of Treasury

WILL WEISSERT **Associated Press** 

PALM BEACH, Fla. - As President-elect Donald Trump makes a flurry of choices to fill out his incoming administration's Cabinet, the lobbying for key positions has been fierce behind closed doors — and sometimes fund manager Scott Bessent. publicly.

Now billionaire and key Trump ally Elon Musk called for more direct public input into the decision-making process for at the Treasury Department.

Would be interesting to hear more people weigh in on this for @realDonaldTrump to consider lead the Treasury Department.

tasked with increasing government spending efficiency, posted Saturday on the X social media platform he owns.

Musk then used the rest of his post to become the first participant in the public poll he proposed. He endorsed Howard Lutnick, the CEO of financial services firm Cantor Fitzgerald and co-chair of Trump's transition team ahead of Inauguration Day on Jan. 20, 2025, over hedge

Musk said in his post that "Bessent is a business-as-usual choice, whereas @howardlutnick will actually enact change."

"Business-as-usual is driving least one top post: the head of America bankrupt, so we need change," he said.

Lutnick and Bessent were mentioned as possible picks to

cryptocurrency, while Lutnick suggested it could be used for people to pay their taxes.

A short time later, Trump's pick to lead his Health and Human Services Department, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., also endorsed Lutnick, posting on his own X account, "Bitcoin is the currency of freedom, a hedge against inflation for middle class Americans."

"Bitcoin will have no stronger advocate than Howard Lutnik," he wrote, misspelling Lutnick's last name.

Trump already announced several picks, including his choice for Secretary of State, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, and attorney Gaetz.

On Saturday, he named Chris Wright, a campaign donor and feedback," Musk, who Trump Bessent is considered the more fossil fuel executive, to serve as Square Garden.

tapped to co-lead a commission conventional, business-friendly energy secretary. He also said choice. He is skeptical about he'd picked a member of his legal team and former federal prosecutor, Will Scharf, as assistant to the president and White House staff secretary. Treasury is the most important slot he has left to fill, but he's also yet to announce choices for others, including the heads of the Education and Labor Departments, and many leading possibilities are jockeying to improve their standing with Trump.

> Musk's post came as Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson of Louisiana was at Trump's Mara-Lago club in Palm Beach, Florida, this weekend, and expected to meet with the president-elect later Saturday.

After that, Trump was set to general, former Florida Rep. Matt head to Saturday night's UFC championship heavyweight fight between Stipe Miocic and Jon Jones at New York's Madison

#### **MIDDLE EAST**



**MOHAMMED ZAATARI, ASSOCIATED PRESS** 

Smoke rises from buildings hit by Israeli airstrikes Saturday in Tyre, Lebanon.

### Israeli troops, Hezbollah clash

Lebanon, militants are considering proposed deal to end the conflict

**BASSEM MROUE Associated Press** 

BEIRUT — Israeli ground forces reached their deepest point in Lebanon since they invaded six weeks ago before pulling back Saturday after battles with Hezbollah militants, Lebanese state erations in southern Lebanon. media reported.

bombardment came as Lebanese Dahiyeh, a Hezbollah stronghold, and Hezbollah officials study a and several other areas including draft proposal presented by the U.S. on ending the war.

A copy of the draft proposal was handed over to Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, who is negotiating on behalf of Hezbollah, who spoke on condition of ano-

expected to give Lebanon's re-tion of anonymity. sponse Monday.

Israeli troops briefly captured a strategic hill in the village of Chamaa, about 3 miles from the border, the state-run National News Agency reported. It said Israeli troops blew up the Shrine of Shimon the Prophet in Chamaa as well as several homes, but that could not be immediately verified.

Israel's military said its troops continue "limited, localized" op-

Israeli warplanes pounded Bei-The clashes and further Israeli rut's southern suburbs known as the port city of Tyre. An airstrike on the northeastern village of Khraibeh killed a couple and their four children, the National News Agency said.

Shrapnel from a strike in Dahiaccording to a Lebanese official yeh wounded a teenage girl in the head and she was in intensive care, nymity. The official said Berri is a hospital official said on condi- it wants to ensure that thousands killed were women and children.

Israel's military said it hit multiple sites used by Hezbollah. Since late September, Israel dramatically escalated its bom-

bardment of Lebanon, vowing to severely weaken the Iranian-backed Hezbollah and end its barrages in Israel that the militants said are in solidarity with Palestinians during the war in Gaza.

Israel's military said a synagogue was struck and two civilians hurt in a "heavy rocket barrage" by Hezbollah on Haifa, northern Israel's largest city. Police said said Hezbollah fired more than 60 projectiles into Israel on Saturday. There was no immediate Hezbollah statement.

More than 3,400 people have been killed in Lebanon by Israeli fire -80% of them in the past eight weeks — according to Lebanon's Health Ministry. Israel said

of Israelis can return to their homes near the border with Lebanon. Israel's military said a soldier died in combat Friday in Lebanon.

In Gaza, an Israeli airstrike Saturday evening on a U.N.-run school sheltering displaced people killed 10 and wounded 20, the Palestinian news agency WAFA reported. It said two missiles were fired at the Abu Assi School in the Shati refugee camp on the edge of Gaza City. Israel's army said it was looking into the reported strike.

The war between Israel and Hamas began after Palestinian they were lightly injured. Israel militants stormed into Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, killing about 1,200 people - mostly civilians - and abducting 250 others.

At least 43,799 Palestinians have been killed in the war, said the Health Ministry in Gaza, which does not distinguish between civilians and combatants but said more than half of those

### Japanese official visits Kyiv amid N. Korea concerns

Pyongyang believed to aid Russia to get access to military programs

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** 

KYIV, Ukraine – Japan's foreign minister arrived Saturday in Kyiv to discuss North Korea's military alliance with Russia, including the deployment of troops to support

Moscow's war on Ukraine.

Sybiha, to reaffirm Japan's "strong support" for Ukraine against Russia's invasion and to discuss further sanctions against Moscow, Japan's Foreign Ministry said.

High on the agenda was Tokyo's "grave concern" over military cooperation between North Korea and Russia, the ministry said.

According to U.S., South Korean and Ukrainian intelligence assessments, up to 12,000 North Korean Takeshi Iwaya was meeting with troops were sent to Russia as part

his Ukrainian counterpart, Andrii of a major defense treaty between nical cooperation between Russia, the countries. Ukrainian officials recently said Ukraine and North Korean troops engaged in smallscale fighting in Russia's Kursk border region, where Ukraine launched an incursion Aug. 6.

Svbiha said Saturday that Ukraine's intelligence services believe Pyongyang is aiding Moscow's invasion in return for access to Russian missile, nuclear and other military programs.

"The deepening military-tech-

North Korea and Iran poses a direct threat not only to Europe but also to Southeast Asia and the Middle East," he said at a joint news conference with Iwaya. Sybiha said the pair discussed Japan's involvement in a "victory plan and peace formula" for Ukraine.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told journalists at Ukrainian Radio that he would do everything "to end this war next year through diplomatic means."

### Volcanoes erupted on far side of moon

**ADITHI RAMAKRISHNAN Associated Press** 

NEW YORK -Volcanoes erupted on the mysterious far side of the moon billions of years ago just like on the side that we can see, new research confirms.

Researchers analyzed lunar soil brought back by China's Chang'e-6, haul of rocks and dirt from the little-explored far side.

Two separate teams found fragments of volcanic rock that were about 2.8 billion years old. One piece was even more ancient, dating back 4.2 billion years.

"To obtain a sample from this area is really important because it's an area that otherwise we have no Chang'e-5 spacecraft returned

data for," said Christopher Hamil- moon rocks from the near side, the ton, a planetary volcano expert at the University of Arizona who was not involved with the research.

Scientists know there were active volcanoes on the near side, the part of the moon seen from Earth, dating back to a similar time frame. Previous studies, including data from marked by craters and has fewer the first spacecraft to return with a NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, suggested the far side also might have a volcanic past. The first samples from that region facing away from Earth confirm an active

The results were published Friday

China launched several spacecraft to the moon. In 2020, the

first since those collected by NA-SA's Apollo astronauts and Soviet Union spacecraft in the 1970s. The Chang'e-4 spacecraft became the first to visit the moon's far side in

The moon's far side is pockof the near side's flat, dark plains carved by lava flows. Why the two halves are so different remains a mystery, said study co-author Qiu-Li Li from the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Li said the new findings reveal in the journals Nature and Science. more than 1 billion years of volcanic eruptions on the lunar far side. Future research will determine how the activity lasted so long.



CHINA NATIONAL SPACE ADMINISTRATION/XINHUA NEWS AGENCY

The lander-ascender combination of Chang'e-6 probe on June 4, photographed by a mini rover after it landed on the moon surface.

#### Wounds

From A5

days, said her doctor, Ziad Sleiman. But the family has no home fects. to return to, and Zayoun worries Ivana could suffer infections in the crowded displaced shelters.

Zayoun was 17 the last time Israel and Hezbollah were at war, in cible," he said. 2006. Displaced with her family then, she said she almost enof their village in a truck, mixing with new people, learning new things. They returned home after the war.

"But this war is hard. They are hitting everywhere," she said. "What do they want from us? psychosis. Do they want to hurt our chil-

dren? We are not what they are played in a school-turned-shellooking for."

Abu Sittah, the surgeon, said that for children, an attack on their home can have lasting ef-

They "for the first time lose that sense of security - that their parents are keeping them chief. As they played, a tiny girl safe, that their homes are invin-

Parents in displaced shelters report increased anxiety, hosjoyed the experience, riding out tility and aggression among children, said Maria Elizabeth anyone." Haddad, a psychosocial worker. rules. Some become clingy. Others develop speech impediments. She cited one with early signs of

One recent morning, children for greater stability, difficulties

ter north of Beirut, where nearly 3,000 people displaced from the south live.

The kids - ranging from 6 to 12 and hailing from different villages — split into two teams, competing to grab a handkerclung to a visiting AP reporter, holding her hand. Finally deciding she could trust her, she whispered a secret in her ear: "I am from Lebanon. Don't tell

The game fell apart when two The children talk back and ignore girls got into a fist fight. Pushing and shoving were followed by tears and tantrums.

> Symptoms of anxiety will last as they grow - a craving

with attachment — said Haddad, shoulder, glass lodged in his leg. manager of psychosocial support programs in the Beirut area most-severed wrist in place. for the U.S.-based International Medical Corps.

"It is a generational trauma. We have experienced it before with our parents," she said. "This is not going to be easy to overcome."

The night the strike hit, Hassan Mikdad had stepped out for coffee. He watched his building crumble.

His friend, Hussein Hamthe darkness, Hammoud spotted some fingers in the rubble. He thought they were severed until the boy screamed. It was Hussein.

had a metal bar embedded in his is Hussein."

Hammoud held the child's al-

Hussein's two sisters — Celine, 10, and Cila, 14 - were pulled out of the rubble the next day. His mother, Mona, was found locked in an embrace with her 6-yearold son. Ali.

Hassan Mikdad lost nearly all evidence of his 16 years of family life - his family, his shop, his motorcycles and car, all destroyed.

Only Hussein remains. They moud, rushed to help search. In must start together from scratch, he said. In the hospital, he buys the boy a new toy every day.

"What I am living through seems like a big lie. ... The mind can't comprehend," he said. "I When he dug him out, Hussein thank God for the blessing that

#### Wind

can appoint leaders of agencies involved in offshore wind regulation who would be hostile to it or less supportive.

many of them Republicans, were giddy following the election, sayan end to the industry.

"I believe this is a tipping point for the offshore wind industry in America," said Robin Shaffer, president of Protect Our Coast NJ, one of the most vocal groups opposing offshore wind on the East pear to be on the chopping block ing regulators attempted to "fu-

glidepath by Democrat-run administrations at the federal and state level for many years. For this industry, (election) results will bring headwinds far greater than they have faced previously."

Opponents of offshore wind, the Hughes Center for Public Policy at New Jersey's Stockton said in an interview. "Offshore University, noted that in 2018, ing they fully expect Trump to put Trump Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke voiced strong support for offshore wind. And even though the president-elect has bashed the technology, she predicted he won't just make it go away.

"Offshore wind might ap-

something he'd fix on the first day but when the economics of offshore wind are in alignment with his overall strategies of returning manufacturing to America and becoming energy-independent, But Tina Zappile, director of his administration is likely to back wind may be temporarily hampered, but its long-term prospects in the U.S. are unlikely to be hurt."

Commercial fishermen in Maine said they hope the Trump administration will undo policies designed to help build and approve offshore wind projects, say-

Coast. "They have been given a — Trump's explicitly said this was ture-proof" the industry against political change. Jerry Leeman, CEO of the New England Fishercalled on Trump to reverse a comoffshore wind by 2030.

The offshore wind industry away slowly from this claim," she is taking an optimistic stance, pledging to work with Trump his political allies. National and New Jersey wind industry groups, and several offshore wind developers including Atlantic Shores and Denmark-based Orsted, issued similarly worded statements highlighting terms likely to apcreation, economic development beautiful beaches."

and national security.

"By combining the strengths of all domestic energy resources, men's Stewardship Association, the Trump administration can advance an economy that is dymitment to deploy 30 gigawatts of namic, secure, and clean," Jason Grumet, CEO of the American Clean Power Association, said in a statement.

But few Republicans were in a welcoming mood following the election. New Jersey Assemblyman Paul Kanitra listed the major offshore wind companies in a Facebook post, saying, "It's time to pack your bags and get the hell away from the Jersey Shore, our peal to Republicans including job marine life, fishing industry and

### The importance of staying healthy while pregnant

**METRO CREATIVE** 

Pregnancy can be an exciting time in a couple's life. Ensuring mother and child stay healthy is a foremost concern during pregnancy, and women can do various things to maintain their health during this magical time in their lives.

■ Avoid tobacco and alcohol. It is never a good idea to smoke or drink alcohol while pregnant. The moment a woman learns she is pregnant, she should cease these habits if she is a smoker and/or drinker.

■ Visit an obstetrician for prenatal testing. A health care provider can counsel a woman through the stages of her pregnancy. Routine blood tests and additional screenings are part of prenatal care, which is important for learning about the development of the fetus and ensuring a healthy pregnancy.



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It's important for women to pay extra attention to their health when pregnant.

Nemours Kids Health says eat- attention to her diet to boost her

ing a nutritious diet is important baby's growth and development. for anyone, but when a woman is Nutritious foods include lean ■ Healthy eating is important. pregnant she needs to pay special meats, fruits, vegetables, whole

portant for a pregnant woman to be avoided. drink plenty of water and other healthy beverages to support the

urinary tract/bladder infections and help a woman avoid constipation. The Institute of Medicine recommends roughly 10 cups of fluids daily. ■ Maintain a healthy weight. pregnancy, but it is important

to avoid gaining too much extra weight. Physical fitness helps keep during pregnancy. So, after checking with her doctor, a pregnant woman should engage in workabilities.

■ Be mindful of medication. prescription medications are unsafe during pregnancy. A woman be Rh positive.

grains, and low-fat dairy products. should speak with her doctor to ■ Increase fluid intake. It is im-find out which medications should

■ Take an Rh factor blood test. According to the Mayo Clinic, life inside her. Water can prevent Rh factor is an inherited protein excessive swelling of limbs and found on the surface of red blood cells. Having the protein makes a person Rh positive. The absence of the protein makes one Rh negative. Rh positive is much more common. During pregnancy, problems may arise if a mother is Rh negative Weight gain is common during and the baby is Rh positive. Although the blood of both mother and fetus don't usually mix during pregnancy, a small amount can the heart, bones and mind healthy mix during the birth, introducing antibodies. While this will not affect a first pregnancy, subsequent pregnancies can be impacted. An outs that align with her physical injection of Rh immune globulin typically will be administered if a woman is Rh negative during preg-Certain over-the-counter and nancy. A second shot may come after the birth if her infant is found to



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### Museum finds remains of 1980s bombing victim

#### **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

PHILADELPHIA - Additional human remains from a 1985 police bombing on the headquarters of a Black liberation group in Philadelphia have been found at the University of Pennsylvania.

The remains are believed to be those of 12-year-old Delisha Africa, one of five children and six adults killed when police bombed the MOVE organization's headquarters, causing a fire that spread to dozens of row homes. The violent confrontation, a rare bombing of American citizens by U.S. civilian authorities, led the neighborhood. to lawsuits but no criminal city officials.

The remains were discovered during a compre-Penn Museum conducted



Scores of row houses burn in a fire May 13, 1985, in the West Philadelphia neighborhood. Police dropped a bomb on the militant group MOVE's home, May 13, 1985, in an attempt to arrest members, leading to the burning of scores of homes in

moved into upgraded storage facilities.

hensive inventory that the by founder John Africa, practices drew complaints practiced a lifestyle that to prepare thousands of shunned modern conveartifacts, some dating back niences, preached equal

jected government authority. The group clashed with MOVE members, led police and many of their from neighbors.

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charges against police or more than a century, to be rights for animals and re-

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#### **TUCSON OPINION**

### Two contrasting Project 2025s

analysis of the writer:

roject 2025, originally written in 1992, has nothing to do with the Heritage Foundation version. It was written by the Institute for National



**SHELDON** 

Strategic Studies as a projection of changes for America's future success. It was a proposal for world peace and unity.

The analysts involved were asked to consider the future, uncon-

strained by traditional military thinking. In Phase I of the study, three independent, private analytical organizations and the Defense Intelligence Agency provided 13 different versions of what the world might be like in 2025. They studied notable longterm geopolitical, economic,

The following is the opinion and demographic, technological, sociological, and ecological trends, ranging from the dire to the uto-

> On the darker, more violent side, they also conceived of a radical, more or less united pan-Islamic bloc waging a disruptive and deadly holy war against the West, as well as here in the U.S. as well.

> In an entirely different vein, a group of academics created a "green" scenario in which the United States sets aside its arsenal altogether and devotes its energies exclusively to saving the planet from the enormous ecological damage it has suffered (this was written in 1990 and published in 1992).

As well as being a positive factor, the 1992 Project 2025 served as a warning to Americans to buckle down and "go to work" on securing our place in the world. Unfortunately, that

will be challenging work under the new administration. They have accentuated the image of America as "Life is a Cabaret," where a media-dominated world (and celebrity) turns entertainment into "reality." Technology, especially AI, has enabled even more escapes from rising global troubles.

They have concentrated more on our troubles including military security problems, overwhelming debt (created by the newly elected in his previous term), energy depletion (false), ignoring global climate change and pollution, exaggerating rampant crime, and widespread child neglect. Two of the president-elect's first six nominees were contributors to 2023's PROJECT 2025, which Trump denies.

Finally, the sources of communication should be seized by people, not the government, to

broadcast the truth and not false indoctrination. Problems must be identified and reasonable, although difficult, for solutions to be developed.

In 1992, the Defense Intelligence Agency's deck of plausible futures was built on a common set of core assumptions about

1. Interdependence, primarily political and economic, will be the defining characteristic of the

2. International conflict incidences will drop (wishful thinking). Hence, military power's political utility will decline slightly in favor of mobilization, protection and economic and technological power.

3. Life-sustaining, energy, and material resources will be adequate globally, but there will be significant local shortfalls unless climate changes are made.

4. The quality of the environ-

ment will vary across the globe, ranging from relatively high in more developed regions to abysmal in underdeveloped pockets.

5. Despite persistent societal diversity, the present world trend toward a more common world culture, based on pragmatism, will be maintained.

6. Various ideologies, or radical adaptations of old ideologies, may emerge to explain the human condition in an age of interdependence and technological change.

7. The world's population will have almost doubled (close only 33%).

8. The U.S. population is up

9. The pace of technology innovation will continue to accelerate rapidly over the next 35 years.

Sheldon Metz is a Tucson resident and a political and historical researcher.

#### THE ETHICAL LIFE

### Rudeness may be contagious, but being kind is communicable

*The following is the opinion and* those prime locations intensifies. analysis of the writer:

friendly gesture, a kind word, or a warm smile can change your day. Sometimes, coming at an unexpected moment, it can change even more.

A few years ago, my brother and I were embarking on a late-season duck hunt in northern Minnesota. A cold front had just arrived, pushing bluebills down from Canada, and we were headed for a remote lake in Superior National

Forest. There was

no boat landing,

just a spot at the end of a gravel road

to launch a canoe

or kayak. Few peo-

ple knew about it, so chances were

good we would be

the only hunters

there.

We set off about three hours

time for the hour-long drive and

the paddle across the lake to the

hunt. That point of land was the

only concern. If another hunter

had already claimed it, there was

no other good spot for setting up a decoy spread. It was the point

As the headlights broke the

darkness around the last bend,

our hearts sank. An old pickup

was parked at the end of the road.

A large decal displayed the words

"Redneck Romeo" across the rear

window. We cursed. Who was this

yahoo? We got out of the truck.

walked to the shoreline, flashed a

spotlight out over the water, and

waited for a response. Nothing.

No lights anywhere on the lake.

Maybe he wasn't there after all.

ter, strapped on the decoy bags,

and set off. The crescent moon

We got the kayaks into the wa-

provided just enough illumination

to make out the silhouette of trees

in the distance. A couple of times,

we flashed a spotlight in the direc-

tion of the point, just to make sure

We were close now, about 30

yards from shore, when my broth-

no one was there. No response.

er's kayak bumped into some-

thing. We both switched on our

headlamps. Looking around, we

saw that we were gliding through

an immense spread of decoys. A

friendly voice called out from the

It is hard to convey to the non-

hunter just how unexpected this

greeting was. Hunters on public

lands tend to be fiercely protective

of any area they claim for the day.

They can be all smiles and laugh-

ter after the hunt, sharing stories

alongside the pickup or over a beer

at the local tavern. But that's after.

Intruding on someone else's terri-

tory during the hunt is the original

tions over the years and have been

tions have increased considerably

over the past few years. As tech-

nology makes access to remote

areas easier, competition for

sin of public land hunting. I've

witnessed plenty of confronta-

involved in too many of them. If you ask hunters, confronta-

darkness. "Good morning! You

want to hunt with me?"

point of land where we planned to

before sunrise, giving us plenty of



**KYTE** 

or bust.

Mud motors, ATVs and satellite mapping apps have all done their part to change the game. Those secret spots in remote locations that few can get to or even know about are a thing of the past. Now it is all about getting there first and claiming rights. And that has strained relations. I have been showered with shotgun pellets numerous times

as duck hunters set up too close on opening weekend. I've had a deer hunter on an ATV drive deep into the woods down a hiking trail, right up to my tree stand, only to stop and complain about how he hadn't seen any deer. I've had anglers on trout streams walk up to fish just a few yards upstream of me, either oblivious or not caring that they were cutting me off. The list goes on and on.

After a while, you begin to expect rude behavior. You look upon every stranger as an intruder and take steps to warn them off before they get too close. So, when you turn out to be the intruder on another hunter's spot, and they don't yell at you to go away but invite you to join them, it comes as a shock.

Bad behavior by hunters reflects a societal-wide increase in rudeness. A Forbes survey found that road rage increased 135% from 2018 to 2022. A study from Portland State University found that workplace incivility is on the rise. And research from the University of New Mexico shows that rude behavior is contagious. The more one experiences or even witnesses rude behavior, the more likely one is to repeat that behavior toward others.

But the flip side of the rudeness contagion is that kindness is also contagious. When we go out of our way to be considerate, the people we treat well are more likely to convey that same attitude toward the next people they encounter.

My brother and I spent the morning hunting with our new friend, a young man who had just moved to the area. I don't remember how many ducks we harvested that day, but I remember the bitter cold and the warmth of telling stories over steaming cups of coffee poured from a Thermos.

Every year as hunting season rolls around and I set out in the early morning, hiking into the woods or paddling across the marsh in the darkness, I think about Redneck Romeo and the way he changed my expectations. Maybe today I can be the one who welcomes the stranger, the one who begins with a smile, a friendly gesture, a kind word.

Every morning begins in darkness, but you never know when the sun might rise upon a new friendship.

The Ethical Life is a reflection on the ways that ethical thinking influences our actions, emotions and relationships. Richard Kyte is the director of the D.B. Reinhart Institute for Ethics in Leadership at Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin.



#### Bracy column on hiatus, back in spring 2025

A note to readers: Columnist Terry Bracy, who usually writes twice a month and is published on Sundays in the Arizona Daily Star Opinion pages, is taking a break. We expect his columns to return in spring 2025.

**TERRY BRACY** 

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#### **TUCSON OPINION**

### Needless deaths that diminish us

analysis of the writer:

Any man's death diminishes

Because I am involved in mankind.

And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;

It tolls for thee. – John Donne (1572-1631)

n contemplating John Donne's meditation on the involvement of each life within each life, on the value of life and how each death personally



**NORDMEYER** 

diminishes us, I have to wonder why anyone has to die needlessly. Why does anyone have to be an innocent victim? Shouldn't we all be involved in mankind, as

Donne notes? Are we all not responsible for the good of all mankind?

It staggers my mind that people today have this propensity to consider another life worthless and therefore bring about actions that will cause that life to cease. It would seem only logical that we humans would view life as an indisputable right and respect it as such. Death is inevitable, and a natural death is the sacred right of each individual. Therefore, to interrupt that pattern of nature, to

The following is the opinion and choose who should live or die, is to violate the very essence of human sanctity. No one should be allowed to determine another's cause of death. However, in today's society, it appears to me that the sanctity of life is being superseded by a strong pattern of individualism. The focus is on "me," and therefore the preservation of life becomes a self-protective survival instinct, eliminating all concern for others.

Which brings me to the matter of war. On the list of human idiocies, war, in my estimation, is at the top of that list. Shamefully, it is also the most ancient one. I cannot remember in my lifetime, which has been a long lifetime, when there hasn't been a war in some place in the world. And in every instance, there have been civilian deaths. Innocent men, women and children are victimized because someone has deemed that people must die so they can conquer someone else's land. There is only pretense, and no definitive action is taken to stop the slaughter of innocent civilians. Are we not, as John Donne points out, involved in mankind? Does anyone's death diminish us? Apparently not.

Which brings me to mass shootings in the United States. Currently there are 393 million guns in our nation. The 2020 census shows the population to

be 331.9 million, which means there are more guns in our country than people. According to US News, the United States has the highest gun ownership in the whole world. And many of those have been used to kill innocent citizens through mass shootings, including unsuspecting children. Mass Shooting Tracker reports that thus far in 2024 there have been 521 mass shootings with 618 deaths and 2177 wounded. In 2023 there were 656 incidences of mass shootings. And our leaders do nothing to stop this carnage. Are they not involved in mankind? Doesn't any death diminish them? Apparently not.

I doubt that I will ever receive an answer to my question of why anyone has to die needlessly. All the answers given don't tell me why innocent people must die. I don't hear truths, but only excuses. And in essence those excuses are killing the innocent ones. As long as we pretend there isn't anything we can do, then there will remain nothing we can do. As long as innocent people are killed, we remain a defunct and corrupted society. Therefore, as fate would have it, we should never send to know for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for us.

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#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

#### Police agencies need to declare their policies

The dust is settling on the presidential and state elections. Now our public agencies need to advise we taxpayers of their intentions regarding implementation of the "mass deportations" plan of the incoming administration. The Los Angeles Police Chief has indicated his agency will not cooperate nor participate in the new regime's plan.

Will ICE abandon its traditional enforcement role and begin "mass deportations"? Will National Guard members

What will TPD do when the new administration implements its plan to "round up" aliens? Several Southside schools indicate students have begun to "hide" or "self deport."

What will TPD and the Mayor and Council do? We as taxpayers are entitled to know how our monies will be spent.

Will the new/old Sheriff implement the new President's plans? Candidate Lappin indicated previously she would enforce Prop 314. Will she would follow the new president's plan? What about Sheriff

Once we know, we must respond as is our tradition to protect our residents.

Margarita Bernal West side

#### **Hegseth for Secretary** of Defense

I was a soldier for a quarter of a century in peace and war. A general I served with said, "When you put on our country's uniform, you vote with your life." Reference the nomination of the new Secretary of Defense. He will be sitting at the desk once occupied by George C. Marshall, Melvin Laird, James Schlesinger, Caspar Weinberger; all public servants with years of experience and service to country. Serious men. I don't know this Pete Hegseth. I read that he was in the Army. But he doesn't strike me as a soldier. He's a poseur with an agenda. A TV talking head; self-serving. Spectacularly unfit and unqualified to lead our sons and daughters. He is a nonentity to lead the finest military in the world. Our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and guardians deserve the best leadership in these dangerous days ahead. I urge the Senate to reject this ridiculous and unserious nom-

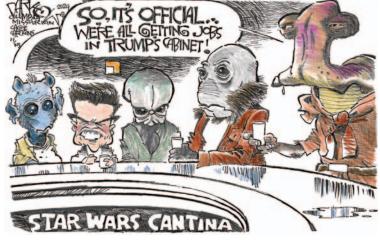
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#### Moving up or out?

Nothing I read in the news is surprising enough to make

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me stop looking for the "back story." Today the picture of Representative Matt Gaetz (aka "Syndrome" The Incredibles 1) made me realize that despite the possibility of him moving up as Attorney General, this may be the last we will see of him. He seems to be ending his legacy of great impact as a member of a "remarkable" 118th House of Representatives to move on. Digging a little deeper, he is quitting the House to quickly evade the damaging report from the House Ethics Committee to be released this week. How enterprising to "spin" another disaster into positive! He did ask for a pardon from Trump before he left office for "crimes" he didn't commit, but did not receive one. He is bailing on the inevitable before it is too late. Surprise, it is too late and you will not be missed!

> **Alan Barreuther** Foothills

#### Change?

Oh boy! Many voters wanted change. So who did they vote for? Not the woman of mixed race, who would have been a first, but another old white man, this one with probable prefrontal lobe damage: impulsiveness, poor judgment, and lack of empathy. I am crying and laughing at the same time.

**Sherry Machen** Green Valley

#### **ACC** hypocritical defense

Why did Commissioner Thompson feel it necessary to go on TV to broadcast a momentary drop in volatile natural gas prices? Especially after approving huge increases in natural gas and electricity charges while Peter Huisking continuing to constrain much Sierra Vista less expensive solar electric-energy storage whose fuel costs are free? Because he knows that he and the ACC are not doing all possible to make utility ser-

vices "affordable & reliable," their popular mantra? Per the EIA, in 2023, Arizona's total instate electricity was generated mainly from six sources: natural gas (46%), nuclear power (27%), coal (10%), solar energy (10%), hydroelectric power (5%), and wind (1%). Good news is that we have a new ACC team, and solar-energy solutions are available to harvest abundant sunshine, reduce heat trapping emissions, consequent costs, and provide new higher wage jobs. Hopefully they will act responsibly to quickly increase reliable, affordable solar-energy storage to 60% of our generation

> **Terry Finefrock** Foothills

#### Ann is right

Ann wrote a letter printed last Sunday about jet noise, low flying aircraft and stress. Well, she's right. There is a connection between jet noise and stress.

All of you who have been complaining about the noisy A-10 are about to find out about that because the possible replacement for the A-10, the F-35, will be flying around here training. You think the A-10 is noisy, wait until you hear the F-35. You have no idea what it sounds like and feels like when a jet takes off right over you with it's afterburner on. I do because I've been at the end of the runway and felt that. The jet was at least 3,000 feet up and I could still feel my chest vibrating.

This comes under the heading of, "Be careful of what you wish for because you might get it."

#### Law is history now

How ironic. The chief custodian of our system of law in America, Chief Justice John Roberts, has personally torpedoed America's 400-year-long

that by writing and installing a doctrine of immunity from prosecution for one single, solitary American, the President of the United States. America is now a slave to one all-powerful man rather than one all-powerful law.

system of rule of law. He did

With one stroke of a pen, Mr. Roberts installed that same unhallowed system of autocracy that kept Europe in the Dark Ages for a thousand years.

As our new king installs bootlickers rather than professionals everywhere in the government, it is clear that he and his gangsters are free to commit whatever crimes against our Constitution, our ancestors and our living, breathing people that they so desire.

The people elected Donald Trump to a four-year term, but one man gifted him totalitarian power while in office.

Kimball Shinkoskey

Downtown

#### Election 2024

Post election 2024: Send in the clowns.

> Valerie Golembiewski Southeast side

#### No motivation to vote?

There are just as many explanations for Democrats' losing this year as there are voters, but one fact stands out: Millions of Democrats and left-leaning independents didn't vote. Democrats won in 2018, 2020 and 2022 when lefties voted; they lost in 2016 and 2024 because lefties were "unmotivated."

Were they unhappy with the price of groceries? Wait till they're paying Trumpy tariffs.

Didn't like the administration's support of Israel in Gaza? Wait till Trump empowers Bibi to broaden the barbarism.

Did they want someone stronger than Kamala to face foreign powers? Watch Trump kiss the "feet" of Putin, Xi and that nitwit in North Korea. Watch him abandon Ukraine, Taiwan, Japan.

Didn't they get reminders from their precinct captains to vote? Not believable!

Just lazy? Wait till they have to work another gig to pay for health insurance.

"Unmotivated" progressives helped MAGA give us at least four more years of crime and fascism in the White House.

> Jim Christ East side

#### Steven Barker Trump's cabinet selections

Where to start on the recent Trump appointments? Perhaps the most questionable is Matt Gaetz for Attorney General. With a meager background in law, Gaetz is clearly unsuited

to the position. Tulsi Gabbard, selected as Director of National Intelligence, has a bizarre political trail, from a Democratic candidate in 2020 to an Independent, then endorsing Trump and becoming Republican. Marco Rubio selected as Secretary of State, often a critic of Trump in the past, now his favorite. The list continues. With no obstacles for President-Elect Trump, he might get what he wants. Unfortunately for our country, the result could be losing democracy.

**Roger Shanley** East side

#### Puppets in his cabinet

#47 is nominating so far puppets who will cave in to him, his own yes man as Attorney General, who is a pervert, Secretary of Defense who is a bigot former GI with no experience as a leader for the most powerful Military in the world, also a yes man.

#47 in his first term said he knew more than his generals. I see a civil war in the future!! If this want-to-be dictator gets his way we will be in deep trouble in this great country, Americans killing Americans for a felon. God Help us! From a 60 percent disabled Vietnam veteran.

> David E. Leon Vail

#### Survive the chaos with a

If you are a liberal like me, you are probably somewhat horrified by the events of the last couple of weeks. When you read a headline about the doings of the upcoming Trump administration, your teeth clench, your neck tightens and your blood pressure rises. That's simply not healthy. So here is my suggestion concerning an alternate mindset that will allow you to digest these stories with a smile on your face. Simply pretend that you are reading the Onion no matter which news source you are actually reading. The headline "Matt Gaetz nominated for Attorney General" would be shocking and possibly upsetting normally, but such a headline in the Onion would make me laugh and look forward to reading the story. We can all survive Trump's chaos with smiles on our faces if we realize that it's all just a massive joke.

**David Parmenter** Northwest side

#### **Definitions**

I appreciated Kyle Vance's complimentary definition of a liberal in his recent letter. I thought I'd pass on a definition of a conservative a friend once told me. "A conservative is a liberal with a teenage daughter."

Harold Hallikainen

#### **NATIONAL OPINION**

### MAGA billionaires seized the political system

The following is the opinion and "smearing" in communist poanalysis of the writer:

AGA Republicans have finally homed in on a 10-point formula that works for obtaining political and economic power. And they are never going to

ditch it.

KIMBALL **SHINKOSKEY** 

Pandering conspiracy theories to high school grads rather than trying to impress college grads with knowledge of history and science is one key.

Those blue-collar kids never paid much attention to social studies during their 12year ordeal in school. Education was too boring compared to skating the internet on their phones during class. They want crazy gossip, and the more the better.

Falsely blaming others for exhibiting one's own manifest faults works extremely well too. This is called "projecting" in the parlance of psychology and

litical science. Doing this upsets Democrats to no end and causes them to swoon with great anxiety and lose sight of any reasonable path to success.

Lying is the new truth-telling. We told the truth for 400 years on the North American continent and this people are clearly getting tired of it. No fun at all. Very slow path to power. We also covered up the flesh in public places, and men and women are so over that

Republicans will steadfastly keep AR-15s legal for the many mentally unstable citizens of our country to purchase and utilize at their own pleasure. Those violence-minded folks provide almost nightly entertainment for law-abiding citizens looking for ever-more insane true-crime stories and reality TV. All this anti-civic entertainment in turn is necessary for preventing America from returning to serious participation in democracy on any level of government. Why participate

if you are just going to get shot to bits when you step out in public? In addition, all the blood and guts make us want to lean on Republican despots, authoritarians, dictators, and tyrants for security because they are the only ones who can fix things.

Republicans will continue to elaborate the political philosophy of autocracy and monarchy. This is the idea that one human being is just so much more special than others that he must make all the laws instead of Congress making them. Furthermore, his DNA is the key to keeping stability in the nation, so it is clearly best for him to pass on the reins of government to his first-born son.

Making barrels of money and thus becoming an untouchable celebrity is the only cherished path to personal success for Republicans today. Encouraging everybody to become a gold digger by investing in new kinds of currency and supporting wild new technologies is the perfect answer to the plodding, science-based small-business capitalism that built this country.

We must also turn America into a false advertising mecca. If propaganda works in Republican politics, it surely works just as well in Republican business and banking. Marketing departments must build fantastic new fantasy worlds through advertising campaigns in order to marginalize the competition and become a monopoly in the industry. Those monopolies can then more easily use the Citizens United decision to purchase the budding new Republicans they want to see governing things.

Religion must maintain all the doctrines that theologists and politicians cooked up during the Dark Ages to make the Roman Catholic church the ruler of all of Europe. Citizens must be charmed into swallowing them whole, never bothering to digest them, for that might cause alarm and insight. Protestant churches must also move forward toward to an authoritarian system of

church government that will allow them to quickly marshal their members to support Republican candidates.

Republicans must double-down on the problem of childless cat ladies. Those who avoid child-rearing do not understand the imperative of the aristocratic class and the monarchy to produce heirs to pass along their wealth to. Besides, child rearing in the commoner class is meritorious because it populates the underclass that must do the economic bidding of the Republican aristocracy.

If DNA works in aristocracy and monarchy, it also works in race relations. White DNA is much superior to off-white or colored DNA. That's just obvious to every MAGA cheerleader. Besides, colored folk tend toward communism, and that must be stopped.

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**EMILY HAMER, LEE ENTERPRISES PUBLIC SERVICE JOURNALISM TEAM** 

A pastor, Nathan Bryant, delivers a sermon at a Message church in New Albany, Indiana on Jan. 14, 2024. His congregation believes Branham is their prophet. Bryant preaches about love and forgiveness.

#### Message

From A1

As Branham's voice occasionally rose to peaks in the tinny recording, present-day attendees in Phoenix murmured "Amen" and raised their hands toward the ceiling.

The sect known as "The Message," or "The Message of the Hour," continues to grow in countries as far apart as India, El Salvador and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, thanks in part to this unique feature of Branham's ministry. Long before the advent of televangelists, Branham had all of his sermons recorded. From 1947 until his death in 1965, more than 1,200 were recorded, many of them up to two hours long.

The recordings, along with written translations of Branham's words, allow The Message to continue spreading, even now, almost six decades after his death in December 1965.

For many followers, that simply means following a strict, rulebound faith focused on preparing for the approaching End Times. But the unaccountable, independent structure of Message churches has often lent itself to the growth of destructive groups dominated by powerful central figures, an Arizona Daily Star and Lee Enterprises Public Service Journalism Team investigation found.

The year-long investigation is the first news-media account of The Message and its global influence.

Leaders influenced by Branham have overseen a deadly starvation cult in Kenya in 2023, a colony in Chile that murdered and tortured prisoners and abused children in the 1970s, a trailer-park commune in Arizona that abused children in the 1960s and other high-control groups that have been accused of psychological manipulation and sexual crimes.

Message leaders say those atrocities do not represent their religious movement or their prophet.

"Brother Branham never stood for those kinds of things," said Jeremy Evans, spokesperson for

Voice of God Recordings, which distributes Branham's sermons worldwide. "I think it's a shame some of the things that have happened that falsely represent The Message of the Hour."

Branham's son and VGR president Joseph Branham said it is a "disgrace, and truly a stain

Christianity" when people misuse his father's message or "twist" biblical teachings to form a cult. Joseph Branham declined an in-

J. Branham

swered questions via email. "We do not stand for that," Joseph Branham said. "We are firmly against using the Holy Bible to empower an individual or group ... to dominate a congregation."

But former Message believer and now researcher Rod Bergen said the lack of governing structure over Message churches al-

lows pastors to take authoritarian control over their congrega-

terview but an-



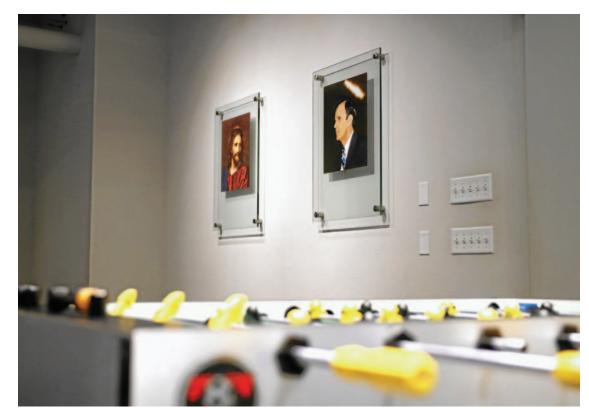
be run makes Bergen things readymade for abuse. He basically said the pastor and the pastor only should call the shots," Bergen said. "There's no accountability. If you have no accountability,

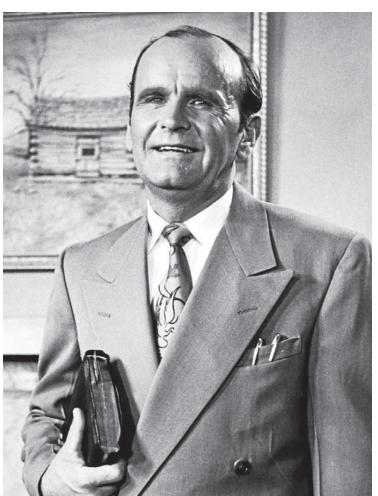
#### 'Fringe' Christian sect

you're gonna get abuse."

During the height of his fame in the 1950s, Branham stood alongside Oral Roberts as one of the "two giants" of the post-World War II healing revival, according to historian David Harrell Jr. Thousands were drawn to Pentecostal tent meetings to see Branham or Roberts perform faith healings. But today, Roberts has a university named after him, and Branham is largely unknown in mainstream American culture.

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ABOVE: A photo of the late Rev. William Branham, right, is seen on the wall next to a photo of Jesus in a lounge area at Voice of God Recordings' office and production facility Jan. 15, 2024, in Jeffersonville, Ind. The space, which also has a foosball table. is often used for youth groups to gather.

LEFT; During the height of his fame in the 1950s, William Branham was seen as one of the "two giants" of the post-World War II healing revival, according to historian David Harrell Jr.

**EMILY HAMER**, LEE ENTERPRISES PUBLIC SERVICE JOURNALISM TEAM (ABOVE) AND COURTESY OF VOICE OF GOD RECORDINGS (LEFT)



COURTESY OF VOICE OF GOD RECORDINGS



A Wollensak reel-to-reel tape recorder with a William Branham tape sits in a recording studio at Voice of God Recordings office and production facility Jan. 15, 2024, in Jeffersonville, Ind. Branham was a '50s-era healing revivalist who was believed to be a prophet. His voice is heard over speakers in the background: "God is still omnipotent, and he still

performs the miraculous," Branham preaches.

A crowd gathers to listen to Rev. William Branham during a tent meeting in Mexico City in 1956, according to Voice of God Recordings.



ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Bodybags with victims of a Christian cult are seen during the exhumation from a forest at Shakahola outskirts of Malindi town, Kenyan Coast Tuesday, April 25, 2023. Kenya's president William Ruto said the starvation deaths of dozens of followers of pastor Paul Mackenzie, who was arrested on suspicion of telling his followers to fast to death to meet Jesus, is akin to terrorism.

#### Message

From A16

That hasn't kept The Message from growing - in large part due to Voice of God Recordings' efforts to translate and distribute Branham's sermons in written booklets, cassette tapes, CDs, mp3 players and now computer tablets worldwide.

Over the last 40 years, the sect has grown tenfold from an estimated 300,000 followers in 1986 to an estimated 3 million today, according to Voice of God Recordings distribution figures. The estimates are based on how many people get VGR's materials, but the nonprofit doesn't verify whether those people have accepted The Message, Evans said.

Africa has the most Message churches of any continent, Evans said. About 1,500 churches in Kenya alone claim to follow The Message, he added.

The Message also has a sizeable following in Latin America due not only to Voice of God but also other missionaries. Phoenix resident Jorge Hernandez Jr. worked for decades helping his father establish Message churches in Mexico, his native El Salvador, Peru and other countries, he said.

An incomplete list shows nearly 600 Message churches in more than 70 countries and on every continent except Antarctica, according to a Message church directory maintained by Living Word Broadcast.

Lee Enterprises Public Service Journalism Team identified more than 50 YouTube pages in 25 countries dedicated to playing Branham sermons and disseminating The Message. Together, the YouTube channels had nearly 1 million subscribers and 200 million views as of July. One Brazilian Message YouTube channel had more than 90 million views and 400,000 subscribers.

Douglas Weaver, chair of the Depart-



Weaver

ment of Religion at Baylor University, noted Voice of God Recordings' figures could be exaggerated. The Message is small compared to global religions like the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It is "on the fringe" of Chris-

tianity, he said. Many former Message followers call the sect a "cult." They say they've experienced brainwashing and other manipulation tactics in Message churches. Some say they have experienced sexual and physical abuse.

But that experience is not universal. Many adore their prophet, whom they affectionately and reverently refer to as "Brother Branham." Their faces light up with joy when they describe how Branham healed their family members decades ago. Some have gone to the point of deifying him; a small group shows up at his grave every Easter to see if he'll rise from the dead. But others have a more reserved

"There are people who have thought of him as more than just an ordinary man. I don't," said Ohio Message believer Margaret Ball, 80. "But I just know he was a man who was chosen by God to deliver a message. I was fortunate to hear that message."

Ball has attended Literal Life church in Michigan for about 20 years and has been part of The Message for 40.

Some Message congregations listen to Branham's recorded sermons at each service, eliminating the need for a pastor. Most others - including Jericho Tabernacle, which only sometimes listens to tapes

 have lead pastors who deliver sermons based on the Bible and Branham's interpretations of Scripture. In a typical service, congregants pray for the sick, greet their neighbors, sing gospel songs and



**ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE** 

Pastor Paul Mackenzie, who was arrested on suspicion of telling his followers to fast to death in order to meet Jesus, appears at a 2023 court in Malindi, Kenya. Kenya's top prosecutor ordered that 95 people from a doomsday cult be charged with murder, cruelty, child torture and other crimes in the deaths of 429 people believed to be members of the church



Reverend Jim Jones, who led hundreds to their deaths in 1978 in what is now known as the Jonestown massacre, enlisted William Branham to headline a Pentecostal religious convention in June 1956 in Indianapolis. The event drew more than 10,000 people.

receive a message.

Joseph Branham said his father "never wanted to start a cult or a following. He condemned such things."

"We're not a cult. We're not a bunch of fanatics," William Branham said in 1965.

As a historian, Weaver said he doesn't use the word "cult" because it's "always a derogatory term," but he wouldn't question those who said they had a cultish experience in The Message.

"I simply chose not to use it because I did not feel like the people were brainwashed," Weaver said. "And I have never met Message people that were dangerous. They were hardworking Americans who had a religion that I absolutely didn't fol-

John Collins, a former Message believer who now runs an anti-Branham research website, said it's the wrong question to ask whether or not something is a cult. The more important question, he said, is whether it's destructive. He said some Message churches are "somewhat benign," but others "are very, very controlling and very manipulative."

#### Third-largest cult killing

Although many Branham groups are led by benign pastors, a few leaders have become extreme.

That's what happened in Malindi, Kenya last year when doomsday cult leader Paul Mackenzie allegedly led his

followers into the Shakahola forest and

told them to starve themselves to death

to meet Jesus, according to the Associated Press. Experts say Mackenzie was influenced by Branham.

More than 400 of Mackenzie's followers died, making it the third-largest cult killing in modern history.

Authorities discovered the bodies in shallow graves over months of investigation starting in April 2023, Reuters reported.

Mackenzie and 29 cult members were formally charged in February with the torture and murder of 191 children found among the dead. They denied responsibility for the deaths.



Ross

Rick Ross, executive director and founder of the Cult Education Institute, said Mackenzie was influenced by the teachings of Branham and David McKay, founder of a group called the Jesus Christians. Ross said there are certain doctrines Mackenzie taught that are "signature Branham."

Detectives told local newspaper People Daily Kenya that "Mackenzie brainwashed his converts using William Branham's End of Days Theology." Investigators found Voice of God Recordings booklets containing Branham sermons inside aban-

doned homes near the mass graves. Like Branham, Mackenzie was "obsessed with the end of the world," Ross said. They both told their followers to prepare for an apocalypse that could come

any day — a doctrine that makes followers

"The reason that the people starved to death was they were fasting and praying in preparation for the end," Ross said.

easy to manipulate, Ross said.

Branham preached that there's "nothing" in the Bible that justifies fasting to the point of starvation, supporters point out. "Usually in a fast, I never feel hungry. If you feel hungry, it's time to eat," Branham said in 1953.

Evans said Voice of God Recordings "has never had any contact or association" with Mackenzie. The recent tragedy "is the farthest thing from The Message that you can get," he said.

"To associate this Kenya pastor with The Message because he had a few of Rev. Branham's sermons in his church library is absurd," Evans said. "It would be like blaming Billy Graham, Joel Osteen or Kenneth Copeland for his actions because he had their books in the church library."

Ross said it's unsurprising that Voice of God Recordings would want to distance themselves from Mackenzie.

"Of course, nobody wants to say, 'Oh yeah, Paul Mackenzie. Yeah, I'm aware of him, and he believes some of what we teach, and he's been influenced by some of what we put out there," Ross said. "Nobody wants to admit that given that he's now considered ... the third-most destructive cult leader in modern history."

#### Jim Jones connection

Branham also played a role in popularizing the ministry of the most deadly cult leader in modern history, the Rev. Jim Jones, according to a book on Jones' life written by journalist Tim Reiterman, who covered Jones' cult for the San Francisco

Examiner. Jones led hundreds to their deaths in 1978 in what is now known as the Jonestown massacre. Backed by guards armed with guns and crossbows, Jones ordered his followers at an isolated compound in Guyana to kill themselves by drinking cyanide-laced punch, according to Reiterman's book "Raven: The Untold Story of the Rev. Jim Jones and His People." Those who resisted were murdered with forced injections of poison. Children and babies were force-fed the poison

punch with syringes. More than 900 people died, including 300 children. Jones died from a gunshot wound to the head, possibly self-inflicted.

About 20 years before the massacre, Jones only had about 100 followers and was looking for ways to expand his ministry, Reiterman wrote. Jones enlisted Branham - at the height of his fame as a faith healer — to headline a Pentecostal religious convention from June 11 to June 15, 1956, in Indianapolis. The event drew more than 10,000 people, Reiterman reported.

Both Jones and Branham used people's addresses, Social Security, phone and insurance policy numbers to tell people about their pasts and futures like "fortune tellers," Reiterman wrote. The two preachers would then lay their hands on people in prayer and give them a good shove on the forehead with the healing power of the Holy Spirit. Those "healed" by Jones and Branham would fall to the floor twitching as the crowd cried out in praise, Reiterman said.

The publicity Jones received at the convention was "invaluable" to the growth of his ministry, Reiterman wrote.

Collins said he confirmed at least two more events where Jones and Branham preached alongside each other. He credits Branham with helping launch Jones' career during the Indianapolis convention.

"Not long after that Jones began hosting and sponsoring William Branham's revival meetings in multiple states," Collins said.

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### From backwoods boy to 20th century 'prophet': How William Branham gained a global following

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Preacher William Branham told and retold his life story over decades, drawing in followers with tales of a backwoods childhood touched by supernatural occurrences.

"I was borned up here in Cumberland County, Kentucky, in a little log cabin," he said during a 1951 sermon in Jeffersonville, Indiana. "A little old window (was) in the side of the hut. After I was borned, a light came into that window, settled down where I was. It's been with me from that day to this."

This first appearance of a pillar of fire was one of many visions, prophecies and signs that continued throughout Branham's life, he recounted in his sermons. These are what followers say helped "vindicate" his status as God's prophet — the Elijah figure anticipated in Malachi 4:5.

Although Branham died in 1965, one estimate from a nonprofit called Voice of God Recordings says millions of people worldwide still follow his teachings. The religious sect is known as "The Message of the Hour," or simply, "The Message." It has spread in part through the more than 1,200 recordings of sermons by Branham.

They are all available online through Voice of God Recordings and the nonprofit's searchable app called The Table.

In sermons, books and his movement's periodical, Voice of Healing, Branham portrayed himself as a poor, uneducated outdoorsman who humbly accepted God's call to deliver a message.

When Aaron Dueñas was a child, Branham's story mesmerized him, said Dueñas, 30, who left his Tucson Message congrega-

"William Branham's life story is extremely idolized," Dueñas said. "This is common throughout The Message. (In) many churches his life story is ... what grips people into The Message. It's what converts them in a way, all the emotion of it."

#### 'You are this prophet'

Branham grew up in a non-religious household, but he said he converted to Christianity just past the age of 20.

"After my conversion, which took place in a little shed behind our house, I took up affiliation with a phase of the Baptist church and became a local elder, being ordained by Dr. Roy Davis of Jeffersonville," Branham wrote in a 1948 copy of Voice of Healing.

Davis was a notable mentor: Before he ordained Branham, Davis had already gone to prison for financial crimes and become an enthusiastic member of the Ku Klux Klan. Later, Davis committed more crimes and became the top leader, or "imperial wizard" of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Branham spun his ordination into success, building up a church that he named after himself — the Branham Tabernacle in Jeffersonville, across the Ohio River from

Branham told his life story so many different ways that it's unclear what is true, said John Collins, a former member of the Branham Tabernacle.

After leaving The Message in 2012, Collins has spent years researching the sect and wrote a book called "Preacher Behind the White Hoods: A Critical Examination of William Branham and His Message." Collins concluded that the preacher put on "stage personas" that varied with his audience. Even his birth date is unclear.

"The birth year that has been adopted by the latest version of William Branham's stage persona, was that he was born in 1909," Collins said. "And it was spiritually significant that he be born in 1909.

"Yet he also used the year 1907 in some versions of his stage persona. And those were tied to a different spiritual event. And he used the year 1908 on government documents."

Douglas Weaver, chair of the Department of Religion at Baylor University, said he doesn't think the inconsistencies in Branham's stories necessarily mean he was acting nefariously. As Branham's popularity grew, Weaver said, he believes Branham "reinterpreted his life" to make it sound grander than it was.

"I think he had people around him telling him who he was," Weaver said. "And that they told him, 'You are this prophet."

"I think he came to believe it about him-

#### A plunge into depression

Branham married Hope Brumbach in 1934, and they had two children, including one, known as Billy Paul, who was a leader in the sect until he died in 2023. Both Branham's wife and his daughter, Sharon Rose, died in subsequent years., and Branham said he plunged into depression, attempting suicide at least once.

He struggled with his mental health episodically throughout his life. Branham described himself as "neurotic" suffering periods of desperate anxiety.

Branham remarried in 1941, to a woman named Meda Broy, and the couple had three children: Rebekah, Sarah and Joseph, who remains a leader in the sect today, considered a prophet by some.

After World War II, William Branham burst into public attention as leader of a new wave of healing revivals.

"He had a very influential ministry because of the supernatural nature of it," Voice of God Recordings spokesperson Jeremy Evans said of Branham.

It started in May 1946, when Branham prayed for the sick child of a minister in St.



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A light appears above Rev. William Branham's head as his photo is taken during a debate with a skeptic in Houston, Texas, in 1950. Message followers believe the light was a supernatural being from the Holy Spirit, vindicating Branham's ministry and healing powers. They call the light the "Pillar of Fire."



A large crowd gathers to hear Branham preach at Greyville Race Track in Durban, South Africa, according to Voice of God Recordings.



Voice of God Recordings says this was Rev. William Branham's birthplace in Burkesville, Kentucky.

Louis and the girl was healed, according to "The Healer-Prophet," Weaver's book about Branham's life. Branham returned to St. Louis in June and held a 12-day meeting where he preached and prayed for the sick. The revival had begun.

After that, Branham started receiving invitations for revival meetings, and his reputation for having the gift of divine healing grew, Weaver wrote. During a visit to Vandalia, Illinois in June 1947, 4,000 sick people traveled to the small town of 5,800 because they wanted to be healed by Branham. What followed was a "spiritual explosion."

More faith healers emerged and made converts by healing people, telling them stories of their pasts and futures, and performing other miracles.

"Branham's the guy who started it. Oral Roberts was a close second behind him," said Rod Bergen, a former Message follower who has written an upcoming book on Branham's ministry. "Then you've got all these people copying them. A.A. Allen. Tommy Hicks. T.L. Osborn."

Branham's popularity surged and spread around the world as he toured from Norway to India to South Africa. But doubts about Branham's healing powers quickly surfaced. Canadian newspapers questioned whether some of his healings really succeeded, and whether he had actually raised a person

Branham persisted in claiming supernat-

"I'm just your brother, by the grace of God, but when the Angel of the Lord moves

down, it becomes, then a Voice of God to you," he said in a 1951 sermon. "I am God's voice to you."

#### **Breaking with churches**

The post-War revival peaked in 1952 when there were at least 49 active evangelists featured in the Voice of Healing magazine, Weaver wrote. But by 1958 the "glory days" of the healing revival were over.

Pentecostal churches that once supported the revival started backing off when they realized how big the offerings were at the tent meetings, Bergen said.

"At some point in time, they realized these guys were siphoning off all the money," he explained. "Basically, the churches stopped supporting them, and so the thing ended up dying off."

From the late 1950s to 1965, Branham focused on developing new doctrine based on prophetic "revelations" he received from God, Weaver wrote.

Branham preached that hell was not eternal, that denominations were "the mark of the beast" and that Eve had sex with the serpent in the Garden of Eden - all unpopular doctrines that alienated Branham from Pentecostal ministers. But a group of loyal followers accepted them as truth.

Some followers began to see even more in Branham – a Messiah, or "God tabernacled in flesh" as some followers described it. A "deity cult" formed among some close to

Branham, Collins said. Branham acknowledged in a 1961 sermon that he had heard of followers who baptized believers in his own name.

"I got all kinds of letters that's come in the last few days, and calls from different places, saying that I was Christ," Branham said. "Brethren, that is a horrible, disgraceful, ungodly lie of the devil!"

#### Signs and prophecies

Branham's later ministry was also filled with signs and visions he said were from God, including a series of prophecies Branham began touting in 1956 that he said originally came to him in 1933.

One of the common ones, which he referenced in 12 sermons between 1956 and 1963, was that cars would become shaped like eggs and driven without a steering

"In the '50s, (Branham) preached, he saw the vision in the '30s of a driverless car. Can you imagine?" Evans said. "And sure enough, here we are, and we have the car."

Branham claimed in 1959 to have received a mysterious new gift from God that allowed him to speak things into existence. He said he used the gift to resurrect a small fish, calm a storm and create three squirrels on a hunting trip, among other miracles.

Perhaps the most famous sign that came to Branham was related to a halo-shaped cloud that appeared in the sky above Arizona on Feb. 28, 1963. Branham told various versions of what he saw and when, Collins said. But the gist of it was that seven angels came down from the cloud, and he received the secret of the Seven Seals from the Book of Revelation

He went on to discuss these secrets in a series of sermons later in 1963.

"William Branham viewed his revelation of the seven seals as the pinnacle of his ministry and his ultimate purpose as a prophet," former Message pastor Charles Paisley wrote in a forthcoming book, "Come Out of Her My People." After this revelation, he wrote, "The followers of The Message are in a state of unending preparation for the

This circular cloud, by the way, was real: It appeared very high in the sky above Arizona on Feb. 28, 1963, and was the result of a missile launch at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, though people didn't know

To this day, many Message congregations use the halo cloud as a symbol of their faith. And many followers treat Branham's prophecies and visions as fulfilled.

"I don't have to prove these things because God vindicated it that he's telling the truth," Evans said of Branham's visions.

"All his visions have come to pass," said Luis Aguilar, associate pastor of Jericho Tabernacle in Phoenix. "We believe William Branham is God's prophet."

Branham predicted the world would end in an atomic apocalypse with the U.S. as "one smoldering, burnt-over place" by 1977. Some believers point out that Branham used the word "predict" not "prophesize," so those words were not meant to be

Branham was driving from his new hometown, Tucson, where he moved in January 1963, to his old hometown, Jeffersonville, in December 1965 when his car crashed in Texas. Followers were shaken.

#### **Enduring legacy**

That would not be the end of his influence, though. From 1947 forward, almost all of Branham's sermons were recorded and saved. Voice of God Recordings has made the more than 1,200 recorded sermons available online and distributes them globally.

Branham's legacy also lives on through "the continued allegiance of his disciples in various feuding groups," Weaver wrote.

Bergen said the movement has "at least six or seven offshoots, and honestly, there might be more."

"All these guys claim the mantle of Elijah," Bergen said of the leaders of these groups.

The central sect is led by Joseph Branham, who is president of Voice of God Recordings. Some congregations revere Joseph as a prophet, thanks in part to his father wishing aloud that he would become one.

"I have always discouraged the people saying that I am a prophet, as I am just a Christian trying to serve the Lord just like them," Joseph Branham said in an email. He said his father's ministry is unique because it brings people back to "the Bible exactly as it is written," and he wants to continue spreading that message.

"There is a wide range of beliefs found in the churches and amongst individuals that claim to follow Brother Branham's teachings," Joseph Branham said. "Even though some beliefs are opposite of what Brother Branham taught, we have never tried to correct any church or individual of their doctrinal beliefs."

Paul LaFontaine, pastor of Literal Life church in Michigan, said the Bible is his "absolute," not Branham's word. Branham acknowledged that he was human and that his followers should check everything he said against the Bible.

"Prophets make mistakes," LaFontaine

That's why LaFontaine believes it's important to have a pastor interpret Branham's sermons within the context of the Biblical scriptures he was referring to. But Evans said Branham needs no interpretation.

"Don't just take one sentence out of 1,217 recordings. Listen to the whole tape or listen to the whole segment at least and get the context there," Evans said. "There's no one that can tell you about The Message better than Brother Branham."

#### Message

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Joseph Branham said it's "ludicrous" to try to tie his father to Jim Jones.

"There is of course nothing William Branham ever taught that would support such an evil crime as Jim Jones made," he said.

#### **Doomsday colony**

Collins wrote that Jonestown bears "striking similarities" to a Branham-influenced colony in Chile: Colonia Dignidad.

"Both communes initially started as 'agricultural communities.' Both were led by a narcissistic authoritarian figure. Both communes regulated — and deprived members of — sleep, sex and more. Both resulted in horrific deaths of members," Collins wrote in his book, "Weaponized Religion: From Latter Rain to Colonia Dignidad."

The Chilean colony started in 1955 in post-war West Germany when a preacher named Paul Schafer showed up to see Branham preach in Karlsruhe, said Carlos Basso, a Chilean journalist and author of a book on the religious sect Schafer founded, called La Secta Perfecta. Basso said Schafer offered himself and a collection of followers to provide security for the rest of the tour. Branham accepted.

Schafer had already established an orphanage and a small religious colony of fundamentalist Christians in West Germany. After seeing Branham, he adopted more of the American preacher's doctrine and style, Basso said

"Before Schafer got acquainted with Branham, he never said anything about the end of the world," Basso said. "After that, he became convinced the world was going to stop spinning one day."

Joseph Branham said even if these alleged connections are true, they're thin at best, and Schafer's group is in no way reflective of William Branham's ministry.

In those early years of the colony, Schafer was already being accused of molest-

ing boys, and when he was charged by German authorities, he took off, Basso said. Finally, in 1961 he ended up in southern Chile and re-established his colony there. He called it Colonia Dignidad.

Schafer retained some similarities to Branham's sect while creating his own little German world in the south of South America. As in many Branham churches and sects, the leader, Schafer, was considered a prophet who could communicate with God, referred to by residents as their "permanent uncle."

The community he established treated the outside world as a demonic place to be feared, Basso said.

But the control was not just psychological: Fences surrounded the property, and Schafer used sensors and cameras to monitor the boundaries, Basso said. Those who escaped were tracked down ruthlessly and even tortured.

As the years passed, Schafer continued molesting boys, but eventually there were too few German boys of the age he preferred, 8 to 12, Basso said. That's when the colony began recruiting local families to supply their children through various ruses.

"He started to bribe the judges of the towns near Colonia to get boys from poor people adopted by him or by his friends," Basso said. "Chilean boys — very, very poor

boys — became the next victims of Schafer." Communism loomed as the most tangible expression of evil in Schafer's worl-



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Activists and relatives of victims of the Gen. Augusto Pinochet military dictatorship stand with posters of people detained and disappeared during a ceremony in Villa Baviera. Formerly known as Colonia Dignidad, the colony was used as a torture center during the military dictatorship of General Augusto Pinochet in the 1970s while under the leadership of German emigrant preacher Paul Schafer.

dview, as researcher Bruce Falconer wrote in a detailed account of Colonia Dignidad published in 2008 in The American Scholar. When military leaders overthrew socialist president Salvador Allende in 1973, Schafer offered the colony as a detention, torture and killing camp, Falconer explained.

As early as 1977, Amnesty International accused Colonia Dignidad of being a torture center for the military government. Killings

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probably took place there as well, maybe many of them, but Chilean investigators have scoured the property and been unable to clarify the full scope of the deaths there, Falconer and Basso reported.

That relationship with the dictatorship bought Schafer protection from his crimes for many years. It wasn't until 1996 that a Chilean judge issued a warrant for his arrest, on charges of child molestation, and later on charges of aiding in the disappearance of a

left-wing activist.
In 2006, Schafer was convicted of molesting 25 children and was sentenced to 20 years in prison. He died in prison in 2010.

#### Trailer park commune

Shortly before Branham died in 1965, he visited an Arizona trailer park nestled in the woods along a quiet stream. He compared the Message commune, called "The Park," to the Promised Land.

"To come here this morning and look, this fine little Jerusalem setting out here, little ... Goshen," Branham preached before the community in Prescott in 1964. "I can see why you people would want to stay here."

The commune's leader, Leo Mercier, was one of the "tape boys" who recorded Branham's sermons. Branham said he always knew Mercier was made for "something greater in life"

reater in life."

Mercier used Branham's blessing to

paint himself as a sort of "king" or "demiprophet" over the commune members, said Deborah Thibodeau, who grew up in the commune.

Thibodeau and about 100 other children were routinely beaten at the commune on Mercier's orders until The Park dissolved in 1975, according to Thibodeau, another former member and court records. There's also evidence that Mercier molested children, according to the California Supreme Court.

#### **Leaders revered**

Across the U.S., men have used Branham's framework to seize power and create cultish communities, former members and experts say.

In Camp Verde, Arizona in 1992, Ross said he helped a young mother get her daughter out of a Branham cult called the Spoken Word Tabernacle. Authorities feared the pastor was planning a mass killing of his followers on Christmas of that year — the date he predicted the world would end, according to The Associated Press.

The pastor, also named Jim Jones, was sentenced to 28 years in prison for child molestation in a 1998 trial in Arizona, the Verde Independent reported. He was accused of sexually abusing two girls in his church.

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Jones died in prison a couple of years after he was convicted.

A Lee Enterprises and Arizona Daily Star investigation also found:

■ A Tucson Message church where the pastor uses threats of hell and shunning to exert control over congregants' finances, health decisions and personal lives. Twenty former members said the church, Golden Dawn Tabernacle, has devolved into a

■ An Arkansas Message church where "everyone reveres the leader almost as if he's God," former member Sarah Kiser said. She now calls the group a "cult." Members cannot have TVs, listen to secular music or have friends outside church. Women must follow a strict dress code and cannot move out of their parents' homes until they marry.

■ A polygamous Message group active from the early '80s to 2007 in western New York, central Ohio and Arkansas. The group

believed their leader was the "prophet" or "voice box of God" who was preparing the world for "Jesus's third and final coming," former member Naomi Wright said. She described the group as a "cult."

#### No accountability

Bergen, who now runs an anti-Branham research website, said coverups are common in The Message. It's not just that there's no governing board to hold people accountable, Bergen said. When congregants believe they are part of the chosen "Bride of Christ" who will survive the rapture, they're motivated to sweep misconduct under the rug, he said.

"This stuff doesn't happen in a perfect church," Bergen said. "So what do you have to do? You just gotta cover it up."

Former Message member Milton Rosa said he witnessed a lack of accountability at his church in Brazil.

Four women accused Brazilian Message pastor Joaquim Gonçalves Silva of sexual abuse dating back to 2002, according to Metropoles a Brazilian power website.

Metrópoles, a Brazilian news website. Silva denied the allegations. He died later in 2021 before he could be tried in court.

Rosa said church leaders were aware of other sexual abuse allegations against Silva years before.

"It came to light. People did nothing about it. And he continued doing it," Rosa said. "People turned a blind eye to it."

The pattern, Rosa said, is that of powerful spiritual leaders like Silva using their influence and position to manipulate vulnerable people. It happened in Brazil, Kenya, Chile and Arizona and will continue across the globe, he said.

"We hear the story of the trailer park," Rosa said. "That story is not only there. If you dig deep, you see that that story repeats, and it repeats over and over."

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#### **GLOSSARY: COMMON WORDS AND PHRASES AT MESSAGE CHURCHES**

Branham, William: William Branham was a preacher who gained international fame in the 1950s for his faith healings. Tent meetings with Branham drew thousands. He has been credited alongside Oral Roberts as one of the "two giants" of the post-World War II healing revival. Branham died in 1965 in a car crash, but his ministry has flourished well past his death due in part to recordings of his more than 1,200 sermons. His followers believe he was God's prophet.

Bride of Christ: Message followers believe they are God's "elect" or the true "Bride of Christ." That means they believe they are God's chosen people who will go up to heaven first in the rapture at the end of the world. The rest of the world will go through a period of judgment where God determines whether they go to heaven or hell. Message churches differ on whether all Message churches are considered part of The Bride or whether their congregation alone is the true Bride. Most believe the former.

**Cloud:** On Feb. 28. 1963, a ring-shaped cloud appeared very high in the sky above Arizona. William Branham later claimed the cloud was a constellation of angels, who facilitated the revelation of the secrets of the Biblical Seven Seals to him. The cloud is a symbol of Branham's ministry, featured on posters, often with an image of Jesus' face in the middle. Federal officials later acknowledged the cloud was the result of a rocket launch from a California Air Force base.

**End Times:** Message followers believe that we are in the "End

Times," meaning that the end of the world and the rapture is imminent. Branham preached that the world would be "blowed (sic) to bits" by atomic bombs and that gentiles or non-believers would be "nothing but atomic fodder "or "cannon fodder." He predicted that the world would end by 1977. Message believers prepare for the approaching apocalypse as part of their faith.

Healing Revival: An evangelical movement that started in 1946 after World War II characterized by a burst in faith healings and other miracles. Throughout the 1950s, tens of thousands would gather for Pentecostal tent meetings to see charismatic preachers such as William Branham and Oral Roberts perform divine healings and convert people into the faith.

Malachi 4:5-6 prophet: Malachi 4:5-6 in the Bible mentions a prophet, Elijah, who will come before the end of the world and usher in Jesus Christ's second and final coming. Most Message churches believe Branham to be this prophet. Branham did not claim to be Elijah, but he described characteristics of this messenger and all of them matched himself.

(The) Message: An offshoot of Pentecostalism that the late Rev. William Branham started in the 1930s. The religious movement, also known as "The Message of the Hour," grew after Branham's death in 1965 in large part due to audio recordings of his more than 1,200 sermons. The Message has millions of followers worldwide who believe Branham to be a

Oneness doctrine: Oneness doctrine, also known as the "Jesus Only" movement or Oneness Pentecostalism, is the belief that there is only one God as opposed to the belief in the Trinity, or the father, son and Holy Spirit. Oneness Pentecostals are against this division of the Godhead into distinct individuals. They believe there is one God who manifests into different forms. Some believe Jesus Christ is the one God, and that Jesus sometimes takes the form of the father or the Holy Spirit. Many Message churches follow this doctrine or variations of it. For instance, many Message churches baptize people "in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ," like Branham did, rather than "in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

Pentecostalism: A religious movement within Protestant Christianity that focuses on charismatic expressions of faith such as speaking in tongues, faith healing, prophesy, visions and other gifts from the Holy Spirit. The Message is an offshoot of Pentecostalism. Branham founded his ministry in the Pentecostal tradition but split off from the broader movement later in his ministry as he developed controversial doctrines such as serpent's seed (see below). A few Message churches have members who speak in tongues, but Branham discouraged ecstatic forms of worship in the later years of his ministry. But Message followers believe Branham had powers of prophetic visions, healing and revelations from God.

**Progressive revelation:** As this generation's prophet or voice for

God, Branham claimed to receive "revelations" or messages directly from God about certain doctrines or ways his followers should live. This allowed him to create new rules from God that believers needed to follow, although Message followers claim Branham was simply interpreting scripture, not adding to it. Progressive revelation or continued revelation is a prophet's practice of "revealing" new teachings from God. Some believe Branham's later sermons carry more weight because they are the newest revelations, and therefore override any contractions in previous messages.

Serpent's seed: A controversial Branham doctrine that reinterprets the story of the original sin in the Bible. Branham preached that Eve had sex with the serpent in the Garden of Eden and produced Cain, an evil twin. Abel, the good twin, was the byproduct of Adam's seed. Cain murdered Abel out of jealousy, and Adam and Eve had another good son, Seth, to replace him. This sets up the world with two bloodlines: one good from Seth and one evil from Cain. Branham doesn't say who the evil descendants of Cain are. The teaching was described by one minister as a "filthy doctrine" that "ruined (Branham's) ministry," according to a book on Branham called "The Acts of the Prophet."

**Seven Seals:** The Seven Seals described in the Bible's Book of Revelation play a central role in William Branham's ministry. In 1963, Branham said the mysteries of the Seven Seals were revealed to him, and he preached each seal's secrets in a series of ser-

mons that year. Message followers believe the secret of the "rapturing faith" was contained in these revelations.

Seven Church Ages: Adapting the church ages referenced in the Book of Revelation, Branham preached about the Seven Church Ages in 1960. Each church age was accompanied by its messenger. Although Branham didn't directly say so, Message followers believe that Branham was the messenger of the seventh and final church age.

**The Table app:** A free app produced by Voice of God Recordings that contains the audio and text of all of Branham's sermons, including sermons translated into more than 70 languages. The messages are searchable by keywords.

"Thus saith the Lord": This was a phrase Branham would use to indicate to his followers that what he was preaching came directly from God. For instance, Branham said in 1948: "It's thus saith the Lord, your baby's going to live." Branham is declaring that the baby will heal or he's a false prophet. He would use "Thus saith the Lord" to declare that certain doctrine or prophesies were infallible.

Voice of God Recordings: A nonprofit that distributes Branham's more than 1,200 sermons globally. The organization was established as a nonprofit in the '80s and has since been sending translations of Branham's sermons in written booklets, cassette tapes, CDs, mp3 players and now computer tablets across the world. It is run by Branham's son, Joseph Branham.

#### **Bombing**

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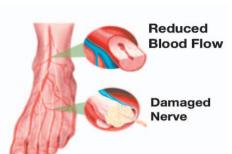
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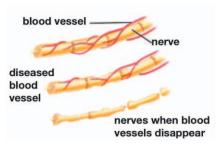
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#### **COLUMN**

### Tucson restaurateur risks fighting rules

't's not about the chickens, Grant Krueger insists. It's the principle of the matter.



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It's a question of how much power a state agency can wield on its

The hens laying the eggs we eat may well live in rows of tight cages that don't let them even turn around. They may well benefit from living

in at least one square foot of cagefree space. But their wellbeing is not the point - it just happens to be the subject of an agency rule that affects



Krueger

"There's a reason that hundreds of thousands of dollars in attorneys fees are being spent on this, and it has to do particularly with the limitation of gubernatorial or agency powers,

Krueger and others.

far more than it has to do with just eggs," Krueger told me in an interview at his Union Public House.

It's a question of just how much power a state agency can assert without a specific legislative vote. But, in truth, it's also about laying hens - and

specifically, whether they must get a measly minimum of 144 square inches to live out their lives and also get cagefree conditions.

Krueger, who owns three restaurants and a bar in the Tucson area, is sticking his neck out again in a political debate of some sensitivity. The 48-year-old has become politically outspoken in recent years, winning

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### Best turnout yet for Native American Arts Fair



**KELLY PRESNELL, ARIZONA DAILY STAR** 

The White Mountain Apache Crown Dancers make a cultural sharing to the crowd during the Native American Arts Fair at Mission Gardens in Tucson on Saturday. This was the largest turnout in the festival's short history, with more than 50 Native American artisans, crafters and cooks from six area tribes offering their work to more than 1,200 attendees.

### **Climate** change didn't ring in election

**Arizona Daily Star** 

Tucson and Phoenix experienced record-breaking and record-tying heat throughout the summer of 2024.

Both cities' average summertime daily temperatures have jumped 4 to 5 degrees monthly since 1970.

Both cities also had dozens of days this past summer in which climate change had strong impacts on their temperatures, research by the nonprofit group Climate Central found.

And hundreds of Phoenix-area residents and dozens of Tucson-area residents are now dying each year due to heat-related illness.

The Democratic candidates for Arizona Corporation Commission made climate change an issue, but it did them no good in this year's election.

Not only did Republican candidates sweep the three commission races, giving the GOP a 5-0 margin on the panel, the results weren't close.

While the three Democratic candidates advocated pushing the commission away from authorizing more fossil fuel plants, those arguments clearly didn't sway enough voters.

The commission has a great deal of say over what kinds of energy will be produced and sold to consumers. Also, the kind of energy people use to electrify, heat and cool their homes and businesses makes a difference in how much climate-heating greenhouse gas emissions go into the atmosphere.

Why didn't climate change resonate

as a major election issue? Independent observers, candidates from both parties and environmental activists cited the following reasons, with disagreements arising about the importance of each one:

- Donald Trump's decisive statewide victory over Democrat Kamala Harris. Environmentalists' difficulty in

selling climate change as an issue.

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#### Mexican wolf's possible killing concerns environmentalists

#### **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

A federally protected female Mexican wolf was found dead in an area near Flagstaff, alarming environmentalists who worry someone may have deliberately killed the animal.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Arizona Game and Fish Department announced in a joint statement Friday that the animal known to biologists as Mexican wolf F2979 was found dead on Nov. 7. It was located outside the boundaries established along the Arizona-New Mexico border for managing the rarest subspecies of gray wolf in North America.

Officials did not release the cause of death except to say that it was "not related to agency management actions." Up to \$103,500 in reward money from state and federal agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations and private individuals, had been pledged for information "that leads to successful prosecution in the case," they said.

If someone deliberately killed the wolf, "the full weight of the federal and state law should be brought to bear" against anyone responsible, Cyndi Tuell, Arizona and New

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### Gallego: Dems must stoke working class roots

**JONATHAN J. COOPER Associated Press** 

Building authentic connections with working-class voters can help Democrats find their way back to power in Washington, incoming Democratic Sen.-elect Ruben Gallego of Arizona said Friday.

Taking stock of election results that showed him doing significantly better than other Arizona Democrats, Gallego said he put a lot of work into telling his compelling life story and connecting with voters. As a result, Gallego said,

even as voters grew skeptical of the Democrats, they believed him when he said he would look out for regular peo-

"People got to know who I was and what my values were, and so that they got to know me as Ruben the Marine veteran, Ruben the dad, Ruben the working-class kid who has lived the American dream and wants you to live the American dream," Gallego told The Associated Press. "And I think when

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- A drop-off in votes for Democrats in general from their much more successful election efforts here in 2020 and 2022.

 A strong effort by Republican candidates to reach out and connect with voters all over the state, in rural as well as urban areas - an effort that Democrats said they also made.

 A lack of knowledge among the general public about what the Corporation Commission does, more than a century after framers of the Arizona Constitution established it as an agency "independent of the Legislature, the Executive or the Judiciary," as the commission puts it on its website.

An undisputed point is that climate change didn't rank high among voter priorities. Overall, Phoenix pollster Mike Noble said his company's polling this fall found about 6% of registered voters who responded had climate as their top issue, and 16% had it among their top three issues.

order, inflation was number 1, immigration was number 2, affordable housing was number 3 and abortion was number 4," said Noble, of Noble Predictive Insights. scored with at least 21% of respondents, "everything else was in the teens or lower."

Here are more specifics:

- **A red year.** Trump carried Arizona by more than 185,000 margin in Maricopa County. Harris carried much smaller Pima Republicans in the Corporation Commission race finished more top vote-getting Democrat. Republicans also fared very well in years. both congressional and legislative races this year, indicating Trump had coattails.

Also, Harris got about 6% fewer votes this year than Biden received about 3.5% more votes this year than in 2020.

"It seems to me there is a red wave. Except for (unsuccessful Republican Senate candidate) Kari Lake, who is uniquely unpopular, they voted straight down the ballot for Republicans," said Autumn Johnson, director of the Arizona influenced more Republicans and of people I talked with really had Solar Industries Association, independents to vote, "which no idea what the commission did. which advocates for renewable energy.



**KELLY PRESNELL**, ARIZONA DAILY STAR, 2023

Tucson and Phoenix had dozens of days this past summer in which climate change had strong impacts on their hot temperatures, research by the nonprofit group Climate Central found.

"The three Democratic can-"When you look at the pecking didates (for ACC) were kind of hostage to the top of ticket, which is heading toward Republicans." Noble said the day after the Nov. 5 election.

All down-ballot races, partic-While those issues plus health care ularly in a presidential election cycle, "seem to succumb to the tribal mentalities that govern our politics. You're either team red or of the effort and the work by the team blue," said Chuck Coughlin, a AZGOP," she said. longtime Phoenix political consultant and a Republican-turned-in- It's a common perception among votes, including a 71,000-vote dependent. This time, "team red many observers and participants won."

Republican commission winner County by about 77,000 votes. Rene Lopez disagreed, noting the The lowest vote-getter among coattail effect didn't work in 2020 or 2022, when Republicans won policy. two of three and two of two comthan 100,000 votes ahead of the mission races respectively, despite amount of voter awareness on many Democratic successes both

"Even in 2022, a heavy Democratic year, we still unseated an incumbent Democrat (former Commissioner Sandra Kennedy)," Lopez said. "We ran our races on in 2020, whereas Trump received our own merits. We didn't throw out high-level endorsements. The you inject a political narrative into ris gained at least 400,000 more Corporation Commission seems to be an independent entity."

Incumbent Commissioner Lea Marquez Peterson of Tucson, in other interactions with vothowever, said the work of the state GOP and that of specific campaigns such as Trump's certainly helped our campaign." She was one of the three victorious Repub-

lican candidates.

"The Republican Party was very organized and created strong systems to encourage precinct committeemen and legislative district leaders to reach out to 'low propensity' Republican voters in the primary and the general. I've run before and was very impressed with the organizational structure

 Lack of voter awareness. in this race that generally, voters don't know much about what the commission does, including its importance in shaping energy

"There isn't a tremendous what its role is beyond the issue of rate-setting" for utilities, Coughlin said.

"It's very much viewed as an administrative body, almost quasi judicial, not highly politicized. When you bring up the issue of climate change and renewables, what otherwise is a routine rate setting process," he said.

In going door-to-door and ers across the state. Democratic commission candidate Jonathon Hill said, "The vast, vast majority

"Many people admitted they've seen it on their ballot but they

#### **Arizona Corporation Commission votes** breakdown

- Statewide, the Republican commission candidate with the fewest votes, Lea Marquez Peterson of Tucson, defeated the Democratic candidate with the most votes, Ylenia Aguilar, by more than 105,000 votes.

 Marquez Peterson won more than 200,000 votes statewide. more than the lowest vote-getting Democrat, Joshua Polacheck of Tucson.

- In Democratic stronghold Pima County, the leading Democratic vote-getter, Aguilar, outpolled the leading Republican vote-getter, Rachel Walden, by nearly 70,000 votes.

 In more divided Maricopa County, leading Republican vote-getter Walden beat leading Democratic vote-getter Aguilar by nearly 90,000 votes. Marquez Peterson, again the lowest Republican vote-getter, outpolled Aguilar by more than 40,000 votes.

– In the state's 12 rural counties, Republicans won by huge margins in all but three — Coconino, Santa Cruz and Apache counties. Republicans also swept largely suburban Pinal County north of

Source: Arizona Secretary of State's Office, with more than 98% of all votes counted.

don't vote for it, they don't know where it is," Hill said. "A huge part of this race is education."

Between them, Trump and Harvotes than the two leading Democratic and Republican commission candidates won. That "absolutely" made a difference, Hill said.

Sierra Club leader Sandy Bahr agreed climate change wasn't a big issue in this election, since she heard virtually no discussion You wouldn't even know from the about it among major statewide name that they're regulating util-

Plus, she said there was con-

siderable misinformation put out about renewable energy by some commissioners. "We know solar is cheaper than fossil fuels. But people on the commission tend to push out 'it's so expensive and not a good investment," said Bahr.

"People were probably exposed to nothing about the ACC," said Bahr, director of the Sierra Club's Grand Canyon chapter. "One of the problems is the name of it.

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### Report details Tucson chase in which deputy fired gun

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There were no injuries. The incident started about 3:50 p.m. when a tempted stop, Deputy Gina son police departments Pima County Sheriff's Department deputy tried to of the department, fired stop a vehicle near South a shot toward the vehicle, Houghton and East Fort the report said. No one was completed investigation Lowell roads for a traffic struck. violation, according to the Pima Regional Critical Incident Team report.

involved several deputies and stretched across several locations across the far said. southeast side.

At one point, the driver was treated at the scene for New details about an fled from deputies at a connearly pinning a woman dangerment and one count between two cars, the report said.

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negative effects of homeless addicts on Fox News, and advocating for a new subminimum wage for tipped workers in the election just ended.

stances he's taken can be associated with the political right, he also supported in-state tuition for DACA recipients, as proposed in Prop. 308, which passed narrowly in 2022. Campaign finance records show Krueger, a registered independent, has donated to a couple of Democrats along with about a dozen Republicans.

Now he's suing over egg regulations — trying to get a judge to decide that a state agency, the Agriculture Department, can't mandate cage-free conditions and minimum space for laying hens without the Legislature voting on it. The Goldwater Institute and Pacific Legal Foundation represent him and have a longstanding interest in restricting what cage-free egg statutes Steve Bannon calls "the administrative state."

for Krueger's reputation and for his restaurants' continued success, is whether the public will separate the dry procedural issue from the hot-button subject it deals with.

"I've been criticized for being insensitive to animal husbandry issues, and I think that that's unfair, not only because, quite cage-free egg processes are both giant agro business, but also, even if you agree with the end result of an action, can you do something that's illegal to get there?"

#### **Legal to regulate** hens' conditions?

The issue of legality is, of course, is undecided and is the subject of the suit. A Maricopa County judge has ruled Krueger has standing to sue over the rule, by virtue of the

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high-end estimate of \$3,380-per-year his businesses may have to pay for eggs as a result of the rule. (The rest of us, by the way, are projected to average around \$3 to \$9 per year in added cost.)

There are other parties with interests — notably While most of the public the hens themselves, who are not represented in the suit. Those laying hens are at the center of a debate that gained strength about five years ago.

A group called World Animal Protection was preparing a ballot initiative that would have mandated cage-free egg production in Arizona and made it illegal to sell eggs produced by caged hens. A political deal ended that pursuit.

"While we were in the process of mobilizing to gather signatures in support of our proposed initiative, the Humane Society of the United States reached out to us letting us know that they were in positive discussions with legislators and regulators in the state working on as well," said Cameron Harsh, U.S. programs di-The question, important rector of World Animal Protection, via email.

A 2020 bill that would have required a minimum of one square foot of floor space for egg-laying hens, in or out of cages, beginning in 2021. The same bill would have required that all egg operations with more than 20,000 hens convert to cage-free systems by Jan. 1, 2025. There are just two of those, Rose frankly, both caged and the Acres and Hickman's Egg Ranch, in Arizona.

> It passed the state House but ran into opposition from the Arizona Farm Bureau Federation in the Senate. Still, the issue was not dead. Instead, Hickman's owners agreed to ask the agriculture department to regulate them through a new rule, in a slightly less stringent way than the initiative would

"We wrote to the lead legislators drafting a bill stating that if they gave us some assurance that

an initiative that included banning the sale of eggs from caged hens in Arizona was progressing either through the legislature or through agency rulemaking, we would withdraw our more strongly framed ballot measure, which we ended up doing when a proposed rulemaking was issued for notice and comment," Harsh said.

This rule, supported by the main producer it would regulate, is set to go into effect Jan. 1 and is what Krueger is contesting. It was a deal struck between egg producers, state officials and animal-welfare advocates but left out the restaurant operators and other con-

At least it represented, to some extent, the interests of laying hens. Cagefree living is no paradise for them: It's the same industrial-scale production as caged, but without the confinement. That can cause some problems from hens hurting each other, but broadly it's likely to be a less painful life than being caged, studies have shown.

#### **Pandemic produced** politics

Krueger moved to Tucson from Detroit in January 1995 to attend the University of Arizona. After graduating from the UA, he spent years in San Carlos, Sonora running a pub called the Marina Cantina. It was in San Carlos that he got to know the owner of St. Phillip's Plaza, Dr. Robert Selby, Krueger said.

After opening Union Public House there in 2011, he has opened Reforma Modern Mexican and Proof Artisanal Pizza and Pasta and encompassed the whole plaza. His entry into political issues was inspired by pandemic-era rules, he said, though he understands it's risky for a business owner.

"Anytime anything happens politically, in the restaurant world you've

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#### Gallego

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things started going bad we were able to resist the tide because people knew me and they had a perspective of me, they knew I was fighting for them."

Gallego defeated Republican Kari Lake by 2.4 percentage points, even as fellow Democrat Kamala Harris lost to President-elect Donald Trump by 5.5 points in Arizona. That's a nearly 8-point swing for the Democrats from the top of the ticket to the Senate race.

to become Arizona's first Latino senator. He was with working-class voters. largely raised by a single mother after his father left the family and was imprisoned for dealing drugs, leaving Gallego to work multiple jobs to help with bills while in high school. He was accepted to Harvard University, joined the Marines and fought in Iraq with a unit that sustained heavy casualties.

That story featured prominently in Gallego's campaign speeches and advertising.

Democrats don't need to have such a harrowing life story to succeed in tough races, he said, but they do need to relate to the voters they're asking to trust them.

"What's most important is for you as a candidate to be able to connect with everyday voters and make sure they understand in you and see in you that you are gonna fight for them," Gallego said. "It doesn't necessarily have to be the same them in Arizona. story as me, but somehow you need to be able to connect and to be able to do it an authentic way."

that Democrats are for the Gallego in the Senate conworking class over elites and small businesses over Cast. large corporations, he added.

go back to our economic while very few Harris votroots where we are literally ers also chose Lake. Among known and understood as members of the two major being for working families," Gallego said.



**MAMTA POPAT**, ARIZONA DAILY STAR, FILE 2024

Gallego overcame a Sen.-elect Ruben Gallego, seen her during an October hardscrabble childhood campaign stop in Tucson that included Former President Barack Obama, says Democrats need to improve connections



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Sen.-elect Ruben Gallego, D-Ariz., waves to the crowd as he leaves the stage his wife Sydney Gallego after speaking during an election night watch party in Phoenix. Gallego defeated Republican Kari Lake by 2.4 percentage points, even as fellow Democrat Kamala Harris lost to Presidentelect Donald Trump by 5.5 points in Arizona.

AP VoteCast, a sweeping for the combination of survey of more than 4,000 voters in Arizona, shows about 9 in 10 Arizona Dem-Gallego won Hispanic men ocrats voted for Harris and against Lake, even though Gallego. Harris and Trump split

Young men of all races and ethnicities broke for Trump in the presidential race but were evenly di-Voters need to believe vided between Lake and came an independent. test, according to AP Vote-

"We need to be able to ticket to vote for Gallego, parties, only about 8 in 10 their job easier," Gallego Arizona Republicans voted said.

Trump and Lake, whereas

Gallego is wrapping up his term in the House and will take his Senate seat in January, replacing Kyrsten Sinema, who was elected as a Democrat and later be-

Despite being fiercely critical of Sinema's steadfast opposition to end-Overall, about 1 in 10 ing the Senate's filibuster Trump voters split their rule, Gallego said Friday he would not vote to eliminate it if Republicans try

"It's not my job to make

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West led another trump, and it was on this trick that Gore made the remarkable discard of the ace of spades! As a result, declarer went down one. Regardless of how he continued. he could not avoid losing two more spade tricks to West's K-J.

In practice, South played another spade from dummy, but West took the trick with the jack, led a third round of trump and later scored the setting trick with the king of spades.

To appreciate the beauty of Gore's extraordinary play, let's assume that he had made the more normal discard of a club or a diamond on West's second trump lead. In that case, South would have led a second round of spades from dummy, and East would have won the trick with the ace. Whatever East played next, South could later ruff a spade in dummy to make the contract.

Gore realized early in the play that the ace of spades was a millstone around his neck, so he parted with it as quickly as possible. He deduced from declarer's first spade play of the nine that West was nearly certain to have either the K-J-10 or K-Q-10, as declarer would have played a higher spade than the nine had he held the K-Q, K-J, Q-J or just the king.

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Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

#### Climate

ities or how much impact mainly in rural counties, they have on our electric where Republicans got bills."

You typically see dropoffs in voter interest as you go down the ballot and peoas interested in, said John-Energy Industries Association.

Marquez Peterson dissaying, "I believe voters are from rural communities." more informed and smarter policies of our opponents in this election.

"As a commissioner, it economic development, the commissioners, including me, send out monthly increases," he said. newsletters discussing our commission

videos in a two-minute formedia and Youtube," she electric rates.

interest. Republican Lopez said he saw backlash their largest percentages of votes.

"The Democratic schtick was to push renewables and ple are more likely to vote to close coal and natural party for races they are not gas plants," he said. "When you're heavily in rural comson, of the Arizona Soler munities, their incomes and livelihoods depend on that. Rural electric co-ops heavily depend on that. By agreed that the public isn't Democrats running on that very aware of the com- kind of schtick, it further mission's responsibilities, alienated their message

> were pushing to close gas plants.

He blamed his defeat has been a priority for me on what he called his into educate the public and ability to break through I plan to continue to speak "information silos" that to groups and organizations use the news to push a News, OAN and Epoch and the importance of re- Times. Most voters he enliability and affordability in countered had no idea the energy and water across the Republican-controlled political debate. state," she said. "Several of commission has approved

But Johnson and Bahr votes and issues before the agreed climate change wasn't a priority issue for "In the past, I have also a lot of voters and Bahr created 'Chairwoman Chat' said environmentalists and loaded phrase in a political others need to do more to mat describing our work drive home with voters and recent votes and dis- how the commission intributed them on social fluences clean energy and

**Climate change** mentioned in any debates, backlash or lack of voter let alone the ACC debate," Johnson said.

Bahr said to some degree. climate change's inability to draw a lot of voter interest was a self-fulfilling prophecy.

"When you have people spending millions and millions of dollars to talk about the border and inflation and transgender rights, not that those weren't important issues, it's just not going to come up as an issue," she

"So we need to figure out a better way to make it more of an issue. We still have so much work to do to Democratic candidate inform people about what than given credit for and it Joshua Polacheck said it's the ACC does and how it is why they rejected the not true that Democrats affects electric bills, clean energy, and the climate. We are up against fossil fuel dollars, monopoly utility dollars, and now the crypto industry, so the challenge is

Coughlin said, "My expeabout the future of energy, partisan line, such as Fox rience has been that when you use the (phrase) climate change, you are injecting yourself into the national

"Republicans don't buy "millions in (utility) rate the term climate change. You use that term with Republicans, you run into a rhetorical wall. They buy drought, but climate change becomes a much more narrative."

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#### Wolf

From B1

ern Watersheds Project, said the early summer of 2024. in a statement.

arms, vehicles, and buildings own with another wolf. involved in the crime, along of up to \$25,000.

cies said in the joint release unknown. that the female wolf was first Federal regulations require Mexico.

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> Mexican gray wolves were first reintroduced into the Efforts to capture the pair Southwestern U.S. a quarthan 250 in Arizona and New



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### Under AZ skies, astronomer finds a universe of real stars

the rim.

The Arizona Republic Canyon, tourists flocked to

They lined up to catch the shuttle to Hopi Point, and Finding awe in the gathered in the hundreds by the visitor center, clutching backpacks and sweaters and cameras. Languages from people feel when they witaround the globe mingled in hushed tones. The show was about to begin.

The crowds the canyon keenly, peering through zoom lenses and binoculars and eyeglasses. The ancient layers had started to change color with the sun's slow descent. mility, and a greater feeling The vibrant hues of golden of connectedness. hour gave way to the muted, earthy tones of not-quitedusk. The jagged shadows such, papers tend to offer exof buttes and spires disappeared and reappeared, a than others: One, standing merry-go-round of angles cast onto the cascading rocks cradling the Colorado River.

They were looking at deep time. The rocks in the Grand Canyon span from 270 million to 1.8 billion years old, a occur was almost amusing is not reserved for fans of after it?" stunning backdrop against to me," Koerner said. It also which human existence is but a mere blip.

Just before the sun disappeared, it cast a searing at the North Rim, a ranger spotlight onto the very top layers, lighting them up in a final display of brilliant hybrid piano to Cape Royal, a sandstone and vermillion. promontory overlooking the And then it was gone.

The crowd trickled back to their cars, deep time obscured by darkness. But above their heads, it was just starting to come into view.

#### A CGI universe, for

More than 99% of Americans live under skies polluted by light.

glow obscures stars and the constellations they form. It hides our galaxy, the Milky Way, from four in every five people living in the U.S. It disrupts our circadian rhythms, which dictate our sleep and wake cycles, and has a deleterious effect on plant and animal life.

The astronomer David Koerner thinks it also affects to create a sense of magic, to our sense of place - in the sweep people up in the kind universe.

understanding that your place in the world is not just your place among your work associates, or whatever," he said. "It's in this huge cosmos at large."

Koerner, a retired Northern Arizona University professor, recently lived at the Grand Canyon for six weeks as the park's astronomer-in-residence, a position created to promote dark sky education and awareness.

Grand Canyon National Park was named an International Dark Sky Park in 2019. To earn and keep the certification, it retrofitted thousands of lights to reduce glare and shine downward, and maintains a certain level of sky quality. It is among 148 dark sky places in more from these experithe U.S., many of them concentrated in the southwest.

Some call these places home, or live under uncertified expanses of dark sky. But most only experience the full grandeur of an unpolluted night sky through a screen: a photo on social media, an episode of "Star Trek," the special effects of In the dark, questions a science fiction film.

"I think that gives people the idea that the universe is CGL" Koerner said.

But then they visit someplace where the sky is actually visible.

During Koerner's stint at the North Rim, he was out stargazing with tourists. One woman, visiting from the east coast, was visibly astonished as she stared up at the sky.

"We can't see any of this," she said in wonder, "but it's all there."

And to Koerner, it offers a view of deep time that is just that found in the Grand Koerner beamed a laser

"Deep time is three times As the sun dipped low to longer in space than on the southwest of the Grand Earth," he said, "because the universe is three times

#### Canyon's deep time

There's a word for what ness the deep time of the Grand Canyon: awe.

This emotion is of inwatched creasing interest to psychologists. Some research suggests awe-inducing experiences can have positive effects, such as a diminished sense of self, increased hu-

> The concept of awe can be slippery to grasp, and as amples. Some come up more on the edge of the Grand Canyon. Two, gazing up at the stars. Three, listening to a beautiful piece of music.

"The regularity with which these three examples made him wonder: could he offer all three... at once?

During Koerner's stint persuaded him to lug his 250-pound digital acoustic

The North Rim is significantly less trafficked than the South Rim, and Cape Royal was an additional drive from the village. Still, an audience of about 30 gathered to sit and look out over the canyon. As the crescent moon and Venus set in the sky, Koerner played a set of moon-related pieces.

During the performance, This pervasive artificial Koerner said, "I could tell people were feeling awe."

It was in the way they described the scene: the beauty of the sky, the magnitude of the canyon, the meditative quality of the music. It was also in their focused attention, a rarity in a world where we are increasingly tethered to our phones.

Koerner had been hoping of consuming thrill they "Seeing the galaxy in might find at a concert, or which you live, and under- religious service. It was easstanding that it's there, and ier, he said, with the moon and Venus on his side.

> "I think the music helps people get the skyscape and I think the skyscape helps people get the music," he

> There's an old statistic that suggests people look at the Grand Canyon for an average of 15 minutes.

> "There's a lot of people who want it on their bucket list and they stop by, look and go, 'Okay, what's for lunch?" Koerner said. "I think looking at stars can be the same for people. They'll go, 'Oh, I know that constellation, that's kind of cool. Oh look, the Milky Way. Okay. You know, I'm tired now, let's go to bed!"

He wants people to get ences. And he thinks music can help hold their attention.

"These people were there for an hour while I played, and they did not look like they were antsy, dying to be done," he said. "I think that's remarkable."

#### of life in the universe

Two hours after sunset, the rim was deserted. The crowds had retreated to their cabins and RVs, the click of cameras replaced by the trill

of crickets. The crescent moon faintly illuminated the canyon's highest peaks and spires, but most of the chasm was an inky black. All you could see were the tiny bobbing headlamps of hikers, journeying from rim to rim.

Above, deep time awaited. Stars twinkled amid scattered clouds, the Milky Way as profound and moving as visible through the gaps.

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pointer into the sky. There was the Summer Triangle: Vega, with its disk of dust; the fast-rotating Altair; and Deneb, believed to be more than 2000 light years away.

Deneb is huge, Koerner said. As in, its radius is roughly similar to the radius of the Earth's orbit around

"If you put it where the sun is," he added, "it would fill the entire sky."

It was hard not to think about what else might be out there.

science fiction. The possibility of extraterrestrial life co-wrote a book about it in the late 1990s.

there are other civilizations change that. out there, he said. Just think about how many planets erner said. "I don't know." there are.

billion stars in our galaxy. They all have planets. And there are trillions of galaxies like our galaxy," he said. "Just the number of planets

#### **Abridged** version

This is an abridged version of this article, shortened due to space. To read the full, original story on The Arizona Republic's website, see: http://tucne.ws/astron

Not all of them are Earth-**PETE L., STAR ARCHIVES 2016** like — but with a number that gargantuan, some will

Finding extraterrestrial is something astronomers life is more complicated. think about. Koerner even Thus far, expeditions have lacked the required sensitivity, Koerner said, though It's certainly possible new instruments may soon

"What will we see?" Ko-

If extraterrestrial civi-"There are at least 400 lizations exist, he added, they are likely advanced far beyond humanity. "Do we think we're one of the first civilizations, if there are a lot of them?" he said. "Highly This train of thought is a one with 20 to 30 zeroes unlikely. I mean, the Earth that our technology was a didn't even get made until rock."

the universe was 9 billion years old."

Consider the timescales: the relative youth of our planet against the 13.7 billion-year-old universe. Even the oldest rocks in the Grand Canyon are only 1.7 billion years old.

"How many generations of stars and planetary systems came and went?" Koerner said. "If life happens, and evolves to intelligence, then it's already gone somewhere we can't even imag-

Can our technology find them? Would we even be interesting to them? It's hard

But it would be odd, Koerner said, given the vastness of the universe, if humans were the only life form to develop technology or intelligence.

"You can also already see other lifeforms on our own planet that are starting to develop technologies," he said. "I mean, it was only a couple of million years ago

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### Tucson Symphony brings A game to concert of 'B' composers

**CATHALENA E. BURCH Arizona Daily Star** 

If your definition of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony begins and ends with the famous "fate knocking" motif, you're not alone.

And you're not wrong.

Those ubiquitous four notes - quick bursts of da, da, da followed by a longer duuum – are the throughline that connects the dots.

They are the adrenaline rush in the intro and the musical genius of all that lies between the beginning and ending, with the motif being unabashedly and subtly reintroduced in each of the four movements.

In the first of two performances at Linda Ronstadt sages in the third move-Music Hall on Friday, Nov. ment. 15, Tucson Symphony Orchestra Music Director José his players Beethoven's Luis Gomez emphasized the motif in the fast-paced rhythms that culminated passages from the strings, led by guest Concertmaster Mika Gregg, and in the thunderous torrent in the piece, which the orchestra muscular interruptions march-like finale, joined by from the brass and percussion. In the powerful blasts from principal trumpet Hayato Tanaka, Gomez deliv- It was reminiscent of the ered an exclamation point.

ven, how the 19th century Day. German composer wove quiet pizzicato string pas- Gomez and the orchestra as soloist.



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Tucson Symphony Orchestra Music Director José Luis Gomez

Gomez summoned from in principal timpanist Alana Wiesing leading a frenetic strings and woodwinds that added their voices, higher and louder. military marches we heard But Gomez also showed earlier in the week when the

audience barely

thunderous applause,

Gomez opened Friday's concert with Beethoven's "Leonore" Overture No. composed for his lone opera "Fidelio."

The highlight of the played with a balance of energetic drama and soaring melody, was hearing the clarion call of Tanaka's trumpet played from the balcony.

In the concert's secperformed Bela Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra, a that motif in varied pitches waited for those final notes daunting piece that cast in the flute's solo line or the to dissipate before giving nearly every instrument

written for a single solo instrument; Bartók assigned roles for several, powerful melodies and 3, one of four overtures he from Tanaka's trumpet and orchestra to find Lipay the second movement's of harps, oboes, clarinets, see Tanaka's head bob from them. Gomez in his introduction to the piece noted turn before focusing our that the bassoon couple, attention on Darrio Bri-Benjamin Yingst and Jessica Campbell, are a couple in real life, a point they us the subtlety of Beetho- country celebrated Veterans ond half, the orchestra acknowledged during the with horns tossing the Ave. For tickets, visit tuc-

> was the cornerstone of Fri- principal harp Benjamin Al- E. Burch at cburch@tucson. day's concert, the Bartók bertson's hands glide over com. On Bluesky @Starburch

and kissed.



Director José Luis Gomez performed Beethoven's Fifth Symphony on Friday, Nov. 15, at Linda Ronstadt Music Hall.

Most concertos are provided the heart-racing his behemoth instrument Sitting in the audience, it Alexander Lipay's flute, to playing that singular flute line following the somber "Game of Pairs" - couples string introduction or to flutes and trumpets among his place behind the strings when it was the trumpet's gnoli's soaring clarinet line.

The solo parts overlap and leapfrog one another, applause when they stood theme to the trumpets and sonsymphony.org. the trumpets turning it over While Beethoven's Fifth to the strings. You could see Contact reporter Cathalena

excitement of the evening. coaxing the sublime harp phrase before the spotlight was hard not to scan the refocused back to the horns, then back to the trumpets and over to the flutes before landing in the strings.

> Through it all, Gomez had a daunting task to keep all those moving parts from colliding, which might have been the most exciting thing to watch.

> The concert repeats at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, at Music Hall, 260 S. Church

#### Steller

From B4

it's risky for a business owner. "Anytime anything happens

politically, in the restaurant world you've always got to be business of upsetting 51 or 49% of my customers by any means," foot of space and cage-free

In this case, he suspects the public misunderstands that "cage-free" eggs are not freerange or pasture-raised. Probably true. But when I asked him if he would support a future bill cautious, because I'm not in the that might go through the Legislature and mandate a square

conditions, he was equivocal.

"I'd like to see a law created where all 30 legislative districts got to be part of the process," he said.

When I asked him if he would like to run for office, Krueger didn't say no, but he referred back to that 51-49 problem.

"The time commitment associated with restaurants is so heavy that it would be difficult to do so," he said. "I also truthfully don't want to upset 51 or 49% of my customers."

It might also require more sensitivity to public perception: Even if your legal fight is formally about rulemaking authority, you have to realize there may be hens living caged in less than one square foot as a result — and a segment of the public that won't forgive you for your procedural stand.

Contact columnist Tim Steller at tsteller@tucson.com or 520-807-7789. On Bluesky: @timsteller

### **Obituaries**

#### **TODAY'S DEATH NOTICES Passed Arrangements** Service Time Service Location Interment Name Age Town, State \*Eggman, Wayne Douglas Tucson, AZ Nov 14 Nov 23 11:00am Jacobs Park Oro Valley, AZ \*Fudge, Wanda L. Nov 05 Vistoso Memorial Chapel and Funeral Home \*Jacob, Daniel James Tucson, ARIZONA Nov 10 Nov 19 4:00pm East Lawn Palms Cemetery East Lawn Palms Cemetery Tucson, AZ \*Jager, Jan Wolter Nov 09 \*McDonald, Margaret A. (Peggy) Tucson, AZ 93 Nov 08 \*Montano, Luis G San Diego, CA Oct 13 \*Smith, Edward Avila Tucson, AZ Sep 14 \*Additional information in display obituaries Obituaries appear in print and online at tucson.com/obituaries

#### Jacob, Daniel James



Daniel James Jacob Sr. passed peacefully at home on November 10, 2024. A beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather, known as "Danny" or "Jimmy", he was the youngest son of William Elias Jacob and Rose Coury. Married for 70 years to the love of his life, Rae Ann Morgan of Minneapolis, MN. Dad dedicated his life to his family, church, community, and Country. A devout Catholic, he grew up in Tucson and loved his horses and flying his private plane. A 50-year member of the Los Charros del Desierto,

Danny was the first member of his family to graduate from college. An accomplished pharmacist and businessman, owning and operating over 11 retail pharmacies touching the lives of many. President of the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy for over 15 years, he was the recipient of multiple awards of recognition. Dad was a Captain in the Air Force during the Korean War. With a "Grampy-tini" in his hand, he delighted in telling his grandchildren stories (some "tall") about family history. He was preceded by his seven brothers and sisters: George, Helene, "Wally", "Cele", "BI", Marlene, and "Snookie". He is survived by his wife Rae Ann, six children and their spouses: Daniel Jr (Soonalyn), Kimberly (Paul), Elizabeth (Paul), Jeffrey (Deborah), Rodney (Enedina), Randel (Tamberly); twelve grandchildren: Jinnyn, Daniel III (Miguelina), Coury (Nikolette), Raymond, Morgan (Lexi), Marco, Maya, Kris (Nicole), Kory (Rebecca), Thomas, Carl (Rochelle), Elana, Johannah, and Ellis; and his eight great-grandchildren: Sofia, Daniela IV, Bennett, Boman, Kyla, Dakota, Nina, and Rosie; and his beloved brother-and-sister in-law, John and Kathy Morgan, their three children and six grandchildren. Dad had more cousins, nieces, nephews, and godchildren than most! The family dearly thanks the dedicated home health caregivers and Grace Hospice. Visitation: November 19, 4:00 - 6:00 (Rosary 5:00 - 5:30) at East Lawn Palms Mortuary 5801 E Grant Rd, Tucson 85712. Funeral Mass: November 20, 10:30 am at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church 5150 N Valley View Rd, Tucson 85718. Gravesite Services and Interment following the mass at noon at the East Lawn Palms Mortuary 5801 E Grant Rd, Tucson 85712.

Memorials may be directed to the Danny and Rae Jacob Pharmacy Practice Scholarship, UoA College of Pharmacy, 1111 N. Cherry Ave, Tucson, AZ 85719 https://give.uafoundation.org/giving-pages/give-now or Youth On Their Own, 2525 N Country Club Rd, Tucson, AZ 85716, https://yoto.org/donations/

#### Smith, Edward Avila

Edward Avila Smith, born June 11, 1928 passed away peacefully on September 14, 2024. He was a proud family man, husband, father, grandfather & greatgrandfather. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gwen of 68 years & is survived by his five sons, Wayne (Petrina), Keith (Trish), Craig (Margie), Ross (Kimberly) & Kyle (Heather), 13 grandchildren & 12 great-grandchildren. He served 21 years in the U.S. Air Force, was a 33rd Degree Mason, Shriner & DeMolay advisor. He will be missed by all of his family & countless friends. Please join Ed's Celebration of Life memorial at 3:00 p.m. on December 28, 2024 at Trails West Clubhouse, 8401 S. Kolb Rd.



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Jager, Jan Wolter

Jan Wolter Jager, age 84, of Tucson, Arizona, husband of Gail Craig-Jager, died November 9, 2024, at Peppi's House Hospice in Tucson.

Born in Huizen in the Netherlands on April 10, 1940, Jan Jager was the son of the late Dirk Jager and the late Stientje Martha (Tine) Jager-Smid. He graduated from the HTS Amsterdam College and University, with a Bachelor's Degree in mechanical engineering. He served two years in the Dutch Army and was a sergeant in a Transport Battalion. In the

Netherlands he worked for Comprimo Engineering in Amsterdam and, as a consultant, at Tebodin Consulting and Engineering in The Hague working, in both companies, on oil refinery projects for Shell (BIPM).

He emigrated to Canada in January 1968, where he worked for Catalytic Construction of Canada, a division of Sun Oil in Sarnia, Ontario.

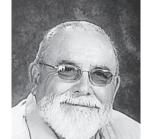
He moved to Cleveland, Ohio in the Spring of 1969 to work for Arthur G. McKee and Company working on Exxon oil refineries. In 1972 he moved to South Carolina and was employed by Fluor Daniel in Greenville, SC, as project manager. He worked on many different projects. Two he especially enjoyed were a multiyear engineering management project upgrading the Hoechst Celanese tire cord and staple plant in Salisbury, NC and managing the engineering for the first two Starbucks Frappuccino projects in Harrisburg, PA and Ventura, CA. During his career, he managed engineering task forces, designing pharmaceutical and biotech facilities for many companies including Merck, Amgen, Roche and Biogen. In 1992 Jan completed a Master's Degree in Construction Science and Management from Clemson University, SC

He retired in March 2001 and moved with his wife Gail to Tucson, Arizona. Jan embraced his adopted country. He and Gail traveled in all 50 American states and to several countries including his favorite, Australia. As he would tell his sons on their childhood vacation trips: there are places to go, things to see and do. He loved to plan trips and to visit new and interesting places. Surviving is Gail Craig-Jager, his loving wife of 43 years. Also surviving are three sons and their families: Derek Jager and Susan Adams-Jager of Raleigh, NC, Josh and Katie Gillespie of Goochland, VA and Tyson Gillespie and Brittany Miller of Tucson, AZ. Jan was proud Opa to seven grandchildren: Nora and Craig Gillespie of Goochland, VA; Layla, Kaea, Jonathan, Owen and Skylar Gillespie of Tucson, AZ.

Surviving in The Netherlands are a brother and sister-in-law, Erik Jager and Claire Jager-Olthoff. A brother, Maarten Jager, predeceased him. Jan was embraced by Gail's large American family. He was dearly loved by

her parents Horace and Edith Craig (both deceased), and he was a treasured family member to Gail's six siblings, their families, and her many cousins. Jan's ashes will be placed in the Craig Memorial Cemetery Columbarium,

Memorial services are planned for both Tucson and South Carolina. For details, contact Gail at JanWJagerMemorial@gmail.com Memorial gifts may be made to Healing Transitions, 1251 Goode Street, Raleigh, NC 27603.



Montano, Luis G Luis G. Montano, Sr., born in Tucson,

Arizona June 20, 1937, has passed away on October 13, 2024. He is preceded in death by his wife, Margie Nunez Montano and son, Luis Forever in our hearts. Always loved,

never forgotten, forever missed



Eggman, Wayne Douglas

Wayne Eggman, a proud native Tucsonan and graduate of Flowing Wells High School, was a dedicated and hardworking individual who left a lasting mark on the city of Tucson. He devoted 45 years to masonry construction, contributing significantly to building the community he loved.

Wayne's greatest joy came from his family. He was a loving husband and a devoted father to his three children, Nick, Brittney, and Erica, who thrive today thanks to his unwavering support and guidance. He also adored

his grandchildren Dylan and Zulany. Wayne's compassion also extended to his beloved dogs, whom he cared for deeply. A sports enthusiast, Wayne pursued his passion through running marathons, cycling in 100-mile rides and playing basketball and softball. His active

lifestyle was a testament to his spirit and determination.
Wayne was blessed with great parents, Bob and Van, who preceded him in

death and whom he joins now in heaven. He is survived by his brother Keith and wife Sandy, his sisters Sheila and Ima, his three children and their families. Wayne's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.



Fudge, Wanda L.

Passed on to Gods Kingdom 11/5/2024 at the age of 61. Wanda is survived by her husband

Tim Fudge, Brothers, Sisters and many loved Nieces and Nephews. She was loved by many and brought joy to all that knéw her.

Wanda danced with a spirit bigger than life, she thanks all those that shared her journey. In lieu of flowers please make a

donation to the Humane Society of Southern Arizona at https://hssaz.org/help/donate/



McDonald, Margaret A. (Peggy)

Died November 8, 2024 of pneumonia. Survived by daughters Meg McDonald, Mary Jane Arneson, Anne McDonald; son, Joe McDonald III; son-in-law Tom Arneson; daughters-in-law Judy Reed and Hou Li; grandson Dan Arneson; sister Barbara McCauley; and brothers Michael Campbell and Richard Campbell. Preceded in death by beloved husband of 53 years, Joseph R. McDonald, and brothers Jack Campbell and David Campbell. Born in 1931 in Philadelphia where she graduated from Gwynedd Mercy

Academy. Married to Joseph R. McDonald in 1951. Moved to Tucson in 1968, where she was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Parish for 56 years; graduated from the University of Arizona with a B.A. and from Arizona State University with an M.S.W.; served as president of the Habitat for Humanity board for two years; Executive Director of Miracle Square for ten years. She will be remembered for her endless energy for learning and health, her commitment to her faith and to social justice, her loving and generous nature, and her subtle and sometimes unexpected sense of humor. Funeral mass will be celebrated at a later date.

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**ARIZONA MEN'S BASKETBALL** 

### FOUL TROUBLE SPELLS DOOM FOR WILDCATS



KAYLA WOLF, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wisconsin guard John Blackwell (25) dribbles the ball against Arizona guard KJ Lewis during the second half on Nov. 15, 2024, at the Kohl Center in Madison, Wis.

#### Caleb Love's early technical paves way to 103-88 loss

**BRUCE PASCOE Arizona Daily Star** 

MADISON, Wis. – Less than five minutes into Arizona's 103-88 loss at Wisconsin on Friday, a pair of whistles suggested the Wildcats might already be doomed.

Guard Caleb Love was called for a shooting foul trying to defend Wisconsin's John Blackwell near the basket, and then, when the two players began animatedly discussing the matter, Love extended his right arm for a light shove on his opponent.

That was two fouls on Arizona's preseason all-American, more than 35 minutes left to play, and four ensuing Wisconsin free throws that expanded the Badgers' lead from 9-8 to 13-8.

Love never really recovered, finishing with just six points in 25 minutes before he fouled out with five minutes left, and the Wildcats suffered along with him.

UA did manage to fully erase what became an 18-point first-half deficit, tying the game at 65 early in the second half, but double-digit scoring efforts from Jaden Bradley (22), Trey Townsend (17) and KJ Lewis (15) weren't enough as Wisconsin built back a

double-digit lead late in the game.

By then, Love was playing with four fouls and eventually fouled out for the first time since his freshman season of 2020-21, a moment he skidded toward since that early technical.

"Caleb can't put himself in a position where early in the game he gets a technical foul," Lloyd said at his postgame news conference. "He can't get baited into anything. I haven't seen the clip so I have no idea what happened but if it was justified – and I'm sure it was, since the officials called it — you just can't put yourself in that position to pick up two fouls early in the game."

It was exactly the sort of position Wisconsin had hoped Love would get in. Bradley said he thought the Badgers were aiming to "take him out of the game early," and he was

Wisconsin coach Greg Gard credited veteran associate head coach Joe Krabbenhoft for that game plan, which involved rotating Blackwell, guard Max Klesmit, Jack Janicki and others in constantly shadowing Love.

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**ARIZONA AFTERMATH** 

WILDCATS VS. HOUSTON

### Wildcats' victory a déjà vu moment

**JUSTIN SPEARS Arizona Daily Star** 

The folks who operate inside the Lowell-Stevens Football Facility at Arizona Stadium collectively breathed a sigh of relief Friday night after the Arizona Wildcats ended the program's five-game losing streak with a 27-3 win over the Houston Cougars.

Notable storylines, statistics and quotes from Arizona's win over Houston - and where the Wildcats go from here.

Arizona repeated history on Friday. Coming out of a bye week after suffering a blowout loss, Arizona pulled off a win, which happened earlier in the season on the road against 10th-ranked Utah, which was actually the last time the Wildcats celebrated a victory.

#### **ARIZONA FOOTBALL**

**FIVE TAKEAWAYS** 

### Curveballs confound the Cougars

rent Brennan's hair was wet. His sweatshirt was soaked. His spirit was high.

Arizona's embattled first-year



**MICHAEL LEV** 

coach had just arrived from the victorious locker room, where the Wildcats had danced and sung and doused one another with water.

For the first time in over six weeks, they had something to celebrate. Fueled by a swarming

defense and the powerful right leg of kicker Tyler Loop, Arizona defeated Houston 27-3 Friday night at Arizona Stadium to end a five-game losing streak. The Wildcats (4-6, 2-5 Big 12) also kept their faint bowl hopes alive.

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### HANSEN'S NOTEBOOK

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#### **BADGERS PUT UP 103 IN UPSET WIN**

### Cats' Wisconsin loss one for the books

ne of the most unspoken truths of college basketball is this: When you hit the road, the road hits back.



**GREG HANSEN** 

Rarely was it more true than Friday night at Wisconsin's Kohl Center when No. 9 Arizona was pummeled 103-88 by unranked Wisconsin. In a basketball sense, what happened to

the Wildcats was historic. History?

■ Arizona recently had a 496game streak of not allowing 100 points in non-overtime games snapped. No Arizona opponent scored 100 points in a non-overtime game between the 2009 Sweet 16 — interim coach Russ Pennell's last game, a 103-64 blowout loss to Louisville until last New Year's Eve when Stanford beat Arizona 100-82. Incredibly, Sean Miller coached 411 Arizona games without an opponent scoring 100 in a regulation game against him.

■ Sixty-three fouls were called Friday night. That's absurd. Arizona committed an average of 16.2 fouls per game a year ago. Friday: 32. The last time an Arizona opponent attempted more than 47 free throws, as Wisconsin did Friday, was a 1979 game when New Mexico attempted 60.

■ With 87 free throws attempted Friday, the game re-



KAYLA WOLF, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wisconsin guard John Blackwell (25) celebrates a basket with guard John Tonje (9) during the second half against Arizona Friday, Nov. 15, 2024, at the Kohl Center in Madison, Wis. Tonje became just the eighth UA opponent to ever score 40 or more.

quired 2 hours and 34 minutes. The average college basketball game is about 2 hours, 5 minutes.

■ The UA school record for free-throw attempts in a game is 22, set by Derrick Williams in 2011. Wisconsin's John Tonje, a sixth-year double transfer from Colorado State and Missouri, attempted a UA opponent's record, 22, on Friday.

I could write several more

paragraphs about the excessive number of fouls called Friday, and its historical context, but it would be more enlightening to talk about the three-man officiating crew. It explains how such a freakish game took place.

Referee Jason Phillips was officiating his first college game since 1998. He had spent 19 years as an NBA referee, then retired in 2019 to work at the NBA's TV

replay center in New Jersey. Referee Larry Scirotto had been the Pittsburgh chief of police until he retired on Nov. 1. He then returned to his old gig, basketball officiating, but probably got over-scheduled. He worked the UCLA-Boston game Monday in Los Angeles, the Oregon-Portland game Tuesday in Oregon, the Toledo-Wright State game Wednesday in Ohio, and

then the UA-Wisconsin game Friday. Can you imagine how exhausted he must've been?

Referee Ron Riley, ranked No. 133 nationally by Kenpom.com, normally works Ivy League and Patriot League games. He was probably in over his head Friday.

To me, the game's most telling quote came from the well-seasoned Tonje, who told reporters, "Our mentality coming into this game was to take it to them and not wait for them to hit us first."

Wisconsin's aggressive nature won the game as much as a weird officiating crew. Or maybe it was

Either way, Tonje became just the eighth UA opponent to ever score 40 or more. The recap:

■ **50:** Bob Beckel, Air Force,

■ **49:** Jimmer Fredette, BYU,

■ 45: Eric Murdock, Providence, 1990 ■ 44: Jared Brownridge, Santa

Clara, 2015 ■ 42: Luke Jackson, Oregon,

■ 41: John Tonje, Wisconsin,

2024 ■ **40:** Desmon Farmer, USC,

2004

■ **40:** Allen Iverson, Georgetown, 1995

But all that is old news now. Duke arrives at McKale Center on Friday for the first time in 33 years. Wisconsin will be long forgotten by the 8:30 p.m. tipoff. Let's hope a capable officiating crew is appointed to work the game.

#### Overdue honor for Sunnyside's Sanchez

he Arizona High School Coaches Hall of Fame was established in 1984, and it has been Phoenix-centric, to put it mildly. Only 17 Tucson coaches in 40 years have been inducted, and just one since 2006 - Salpointe Catholic boys soccer coach Wolfgang Weber in 2023.

But the Scottsdale-based group made a promising move last week when it elected former Sunnyside High School state championship football/wrestling coach Richard Sanchez. Talk about a good pick.

Sanchez coached Sunnyside's undersized football teams of 2001 and 2003 to state championships. That was Act II of his coaching career. In Act I, he coached the Blue Devils to five consecutive state wrestling championships in 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994.

As far as I can find in the state record books, Sanchez is the only big-schools coach to produce state champions in two different sports dating to 1970.

The president of the Arizona Coaches Hall of Fame is Larry Fetkenhier, who coached Glendale Cactus to state football championships in 2005 and 2009. He didn't forget Sanchez when voting for the Class of 2025 took place.

"Richard beat my 2003 team in the state championship game," said Fetkenhier. "I remember what a great coach he was. He deserves to be in this class."

Sanchez will be inducted on April 27 in Scottsdale, the first Tucson prep football coach so honored since Sahuaro's Howard Breinig in 2006.

#### **SHORT STUFF**

### Francona taps former Wildcat

aitlin Leverenz Smith is surely the top female swimmer ever produced by a Tucson high school. The former Sahuaro High student won a bronze medal in the 2012 London Olympics in the 200 IM, and helped the Cal Bears win 2011 and 2012 NCAA championships. She was the Honda Award winner as the NCAA's leading female swimmer in 2011-12.

But now, at 33, Leverenz has a higher calling. Last week, she was named to the USA Swimming board of directors. Now living in San Diego, a consultant for Kaiser Permanente, she has served as the Chair of the USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council since its inception in 2021. She earned a Master's degree in business administration from Stanford in 2021.

■ Coach **Pat Nugent**'s Mica Mountain Thunderbolts will play Glendale Thunderbird in the Class 4A football quarterfinals Friday night in Vail. Mica Mountain is 11-0 and seeded No. 4. It certainly isn't a strange setting for the three men who are most responsible for Mica Mountain's almost predictable



**JEFF DEAN, ASSOCIATED PRESS** 

Cincinnati Reds owner Bob Castellini, left, holds up a jersey for manager Terry Francona at a press conference announcing Francona as the new manager of the team, Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, in Cincinnati.

climb to relevance in just its fourth year of existence.

Thunderbolts head coach Nugent has won 164 career games in Tucson, fifth in history. Mica Mountain principal Nemer Hassey coached 151 victories at Sahuaro and Cienega high schools before becoming an administrator. And Mica Mountain assistant principal and athletic director **Jay Campos** coached Sahuaro High to 133 victories before becoming an administrator. That's 448 victories for mand, all ranking in the top nine among most victories in

Tucson prep history. ■ Tucsonan Terry Francona, hired two weeks ago as manager of the Cincinnati Reds, has reconnected with his long-time baseball partner, **Brad Mills**, a union that goes back to Francona and Mills' Arizona baseball days, 1978-79. Mills will be Francona's bench coach for the Reds in 2025. The two not only played together at Arizona for two years, but also for the Monthe Mica Mountain high com-treal Expos in the early 1980s.

cona when he was manager of the Philadelphia Phillies, Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Guardians before retiring to his ranch in Texas four years ago. One of the first calls Francona made when he chose to come out of retirement was to his old Wildcat teammate.

Mills, 67, coached for Fran-

■ **Tyler Loop'**s 62-yard field goal Friday night against Houston would've tied the long-standing Pac-12 record of 62 yards set in 1991 by Washington State's Jason Hanson. The Big 12's longest field goal is 65 yards by Kansas State's Martin Gramatica in 1998. The record for a Power 4 school is 67 yards, shared by Arkansas' Steve Richardson and Texas' Russell Erxleben, both in 1977.

It's easy to predict Loop will be a successful NFL kicker. Hanson was a second-round NFL draft pick and kicked 21 years in the NFL. Gramatica was a thirdround draft pick and played nine NFL seasons. Richardson and Erxleben both kicked when tees were allowed. Neither became an NFL kicker, although Erxleben became a prominent NFL punter.

#### **MY TWO CENTS**

### Losing skid has firehose effect

he first time Arizona's football and (women's) basketball teams were scheduled to play on the same day, overlapping one another, was November 1917. According to Abe Chanin's

wonderful book "They Fought Like Wildcats," UA football coach/athletic director Pop McKale did not approve of the women's basketball team playing a game on the same afternoon at Herring Hall, then the UA's basketball arena.

The book reports that McKale asked a colleague to secretly turn on a firehose at the gymnasium the night before the basketball game. The mission was successful. The gymnasium floor was flooded, unplayable the next day. McKale and the football team had the day to themselves.

Now, 107 years later, Arizona's football team and men's basketball team have only overlapped twice since 1917, in action on the same day at close to the same time: 1970 and 2024.

On Friday, no one called for a firehose to be used, although it might've benefitted the UA basketball team and prevented their loss at Wisconsin.

On Nov. 25, 1989, the Wildcats beat ASU in Tempe 28-10 in a football



KELLY PRESNELL, ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Arizona fans watch the Wildcats basketball game against Wisconsin on the scoreboard screen before the football team kicked off against Houston on Nov. 15, 2024.

game that started at 3:30 p.m. and was televised on Fox Sports Arizona. At 2 p.m. that day, Arizona's basketball team beat No. 6 Michigan 82-75 in the Hall of Fame game in Springfield, Mass., televised on ABC.

The only time the football and basketball teams had home games the same day was Dec. 5, 1970. Arizona lost football's Territorial Cup to ASU 10-6 at 7:30 p.m., a few hours earlier, 4 p.m., the UA men's basketball team beat Butler 108-92 at Bear Down Gym.

The football game sold out at 38,000. The basketball game attracted 2,800.

When the Wildcats and Houston began Friday about 8:20 p.m., the UA-Wisconsin basketball game was at halftime. The crowd at Arizona Stadium looked to be somewhere near 20,000, if that. Announced attendance was 38,538, based on tickets sold.

The only time I remember a smaller-looking audience was when Arizona played Louisiana a week after the 2011 Territorial Cup. Coach Mike **Stoops** had been fired six weeks earlier; Arizona was 3-8, and on that late-November afternoon, interim coach Tim Kish led the Wildcats to a 45-37 victory. Attendance was announced at 38,819, but it couldn't have been more than 15,000 to

This time, instead of scuttling the UA basketball team to help with football attendance, the school aired the UA-Wisconsin game on the Jumbotron at Arizona Stadium, hoping to increase attendance.

It didn't work. About 30,000 seats remained empty until and after kickoff. Losing five straight games had the same effect a firehose did in 1917.

### Triathlon win a global effort

Then Arizona won the NCAA championship in women's triathlon last week, it called for some research to figure out what exactly is required to put together a national championship triathlon program. Where do you find 19- to 22-year-old female athletes who are skilled in long-distance swimming, running and cycling?

Coach Wes Johnson, a former swimming standout for the Utah Utes, recruited his 10-woman roster globally. Those on the team include athletes from Italy, Argentina, Hungary, Canada, Brazil, the Czech Republic, South Africa and Slovakia. But his top performer, Kelly Wetteland, is from

In the NCAA finals, Wetteland ran the 5K in 17.54 minutes. She swam 750 meters (about a half mile) in 9:31 minutes. And she cycled 20km (about 12 1/2 miles) in 30:47 minutes. In all, it took Wetteland 59½ minutes to pace her team to the

The opposition wasn't strong in numbers; just 41 teams field women's triathlon teams, including 13 Division II and 12 Division II. All compete in the same group. But Arizona knocked off ASU's reigning national champs, which few saw coming.

Johnson, who is married and has four children under age 10, is a former U.S. National Triathlon team coach, who also worked at the U.S. Olympic Training Center and for the USA Paralympic team. He was one of former UA athletic director Dave Heeke's top hires.

#### **Arizona**

From C1

"I think (Krabbenhoft) knew which hand everybody opened the bathroom door with," Gard said. "There wasn't much that went undetected.

"We didn't want to let (Love) get into rhythm, as he's a terrific player, and getting him in foul trouble helped. That's the best way to slow down a scorer - have him sitting on the bench."

Love left the game for over five minutes after the technical and, while he didn't pick up another over eight more minutes he played in the half, his normal offense wasn't there. Love shot just 1 for 5 before halftime, missing two 3-pointers, and then missed another four 3s after halftime.

He fouled out with 4:57 left in the game, just before Wisconsin finished taking that 65-65 tie and turning it into a 15-point lead that ultimately proved to be the Badgers' winning margin. Love wound up making just 2 of 13 field goals - missing all six 3s he tried – and fouled out with 4:57 left.

"They're too good that they weren't going to make a run back at some point," Gard said. "So we did a better job of making looks hard for him. He didn't have many easy ones. That's a credit to our players."

Bradley said the Badgers were "face-guarding" Love constantly but also said the rest of the Wildcats could have helped him out more.

"We've got to do a better job of getting Caleb involved, just getting everybody involved," Bradley said. "I think we just missed a lot of shots we normally made. That was just it."

Love wasn't the only Wildcat in foul trouble, either. Center Tobe Awaka fouled out after just 20 minutes, while three other players had four fouls each - including freshman Carter Bryant, who played just 13 minutes off the bench.

Wisconsin actually only committed one less foul than UA (31) but had only one player foul out - center Steven Crowl, who lasted  $31 \, \text{minutes} - \text{and two others with}$ four fouls each. They also shot 48.1% from the field and hit 12 of 273-pointers, hardly discombobulated by all that fouling.

"We came to the mini huddle every time talking about that we izona loss in which Love had can't control it," Wisconsin guard struggled offensively. He had 13 Max Klesmit said. "We can't de-



**KAYLA WOLF PHOTOS**, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Arizona head coach Tommy Lloyd reacts to a foul call during the first half against Wisconsin on Friday, Nov. 15, 2024, at the Kohl Center in Madison, Wis.



Friday

Who: No. 6 Duke at No. 9 Arizona When: 8:30 p.m. Friday Where: McKale Center TV: ESPN2 Radio: 1290-AM, 107.5-FM

call a foul or not. It's 'next play.' ... We pulled everybody together and said the team that's going to complain about all the foul calling first is going to lose. That's the team that's going to kind of fade

and give in." Overall, Arizona shot just 37.8% from the field and was just 4 of 23 (17.4%) from 3-point range. Notably, the Wildcats also recorded assists on just six of their 28 field goals.

It was the fourth straight Arpoints in Arizona's Sweet 16 loss Pascoe at bpascoe@tucson.com. On termine what a ref is going to to Clemson last season but was 0 X(Twitter): @brucepascoe

for 9 from 3-point range.

Before that, Love had just six points in the Wildcats' 67-59 loss to Oregon in the Pac-12 Tournament semifinals and just two points (with five turnovers) in UA's 78-65 loss at USC on the final day of the regular season.

Still, as he did last season anytime Love struggled or someone questioned his performance, Lloyd offered plenty of support.

"Caleb is going to be fine," Lloyd said. "I love that kid with all my heart. I love how he's been able to deal with adversity and struggles.

"Listen, that kid has done more with adversity and struggles than most of us have done in our lives. Combined. So I'm all in on that kid, and you know what? He's going to have a great year, and he's the guy I want leading my program."

Contact sports reporter Bruce



Wisconsin guard Max Klesmit (11) dribbles the ball against Arizona during



Wisconsin forward Xavier Amos scores against Arizona forward Tobe Awaka in Madison, Wis.



### CEMBER 28



#### **ARIZONA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

### Room for improvement despite crushing win

**PJ BROWN Arizona Daily Star** 

It may sound funny that in Arizona women's basketball's crushing of Chicago State 84-48 on Saturday that there were a lot

Yet, for the Wildcats, on a day where they out-everythinged their opponent in Chicago, there were many things done for the very first time.

Arizona (5-0) took a 26-13 lead after the first quarter, built the lead to 52-22 at the half and despite playing a mixture of rotations starting just four minutes into the game, never let up.

"It was a really good time to play everybody and get everybody in and get some minutes," Arizona coach Adia Barnes said. "That was the intent of the trip to play everybody, work on some things and we definitely have to get better. But it was good to see some people have some really good quality minutes."

The Wildcats were disruptive on the defensive end, forcing 20 turnovers. In the first half they were even more aggressive on inbounds plays — where the Cougars found most of their miscues. In addition, nine of the Wildcats' 12 steals came in the first half. As minutes on the court. the game progressed, the Wildcats were deflecting balls even more, – one after another.



KELLY PRESNELL, ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Arizona guard Mailien Rolf (13) knocks away a field goal attempt by UNLV forward Meadow Roland during the second quarter on Nov. 12, 2024. The freshman grabbed 10 rebounds against Chicago State on Saturday, Nov. 16 – the most she's collected.

a new wrinkle in the Arizona de- rebounds. She played the most fense that hasn't been shown to this point.

Sophomore Skylar Jones, the Chicago native, picked three of her four steals in the first half. Both of freshman Katarina Knezevic's the game – with 12 points, five resteals also came in that first 20 minutes.

It was the first time this season that all 13 active players earned

There was Montaya Dew scoring seven points on 3 of 6 from the denying and even forcing travels field. She added eight rebounds, three assists, two blocks and one This extra swarming — espe- steal. Of those, she posted cacially on the inbounds play - is reer highs in points, blocks and

minutes of any Wildcat (24).

Freshman Lauryn Swann backed up her breakout game against UNLV Tuesday - scoring 19 points in the last 12 minutes of bounds and one assist in 20 minutes. Her firsts came in minutes and rebounds. She left the game in the third quarter and returned at the start of the fourth after banging into a teammate going after a loose ball. It was the same left shoulder that she hurt in San Diego. After the game, Barnes said, "She'll be OK."

Wednesday Who: Arizona (5-0) at Northern Arizona (2-1)

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10 rebounds - the most she's col-

Junior forward Erin Tack played for 12 minutes, scored 10 points, grabbed one offensive rebound and had one steal — all firsts. She was aggressive driving to the hoop and was all over her defensive assignment.

It was also the first time Brooklyn Rhodes checked into a game this season. Despite missing her two attempted shots, she pulled down two rebounds in three minutes of action.

With all those firsts, there was Breya Cunningham in the midst of it all, being steady and reliable. She led all Wildcats with 14 points (6 of 9 from the field), adding two blocks, two steals and five rebounds in only 15 minutes of action. She has scored in double digits in all five games of the season and is now averaging 13.4 points.

#### She said it

Freshman Mailien Rolf grabbed spacing — it's the same stuff X(Twitter): @PJBrown09

we have to work on. You look at (Sahnya) Jah can't have five (turnovers) as a post player. Players can't come in off the bench, you can't be in three, four minutes and have three turnovers. I think a lot of it is fundamentals - jump stopping, not shuffling their feet. Those are fundamentals. That tells me we need to keep on working on getting our players better, keep on working on our skill development, that we work on." - Barnes on the Wildcats' high turnovers

#### **Stuffing the stat sheet**

Jada Williams: 6 points, 3 assists in 16 minutes

Paulina Paris: 5 points, 5 rebounds in 15 minutes

**Knezevic:** 6 points, 2 assists, 3 rebounds

**Jones:** 11 points, 2 assists

#### By the numbers

**42:** Half of Arizona's 84 points were scored in the paint.

20: Both Arizona and Chicago State had 20 turnovers. The Wildcats scored 24 points off the turnovers, while the Cougars scored 13.

20: Arizona had 20 second-chance points.

7: Arizona had seven blocks — Cunningham and Dew had two apiece; Knezevic, Rolf and Isis Beh each had one.

Contact sports reporter PJ Brown "Youth, fundamentals, floor at pjbrown@tucson.com. On

#### Lev

Brennan described a joyful postgame scene. It was undoubtedly a mixture of happiness and relief for a team that had struggled to bear the weight of great expectations.

Here are my top five takeaways from Arizona's first victory since Sept. 28:

#### 1. Chriss crossed up

After an abysmal performance at UCF, Arizona's defense rebounded in a major wav.

The Wildcats played aggressive and opportunistic football. They also threw a curveball at the Cougars that flummoxed quarterback Zeon Chriss.

In almost every long-yardage situation, Arizona used a funky, confounding defensive front. Two linemen had their hands in the ground. As many as six other Wildcats crowded the line of scrimmage. You never knew whether they would rush or drop.

Sometimes Arizona blitzed - including bringing cornerback Tacario Davis off the edge. Sometimes they fell back into an eight-man zone. Sometimes it was a mixture of the two.

"It was a new look that we added this week," sophomore defensive back Genesis Smith said. "So they hadn't seen it before. A good changeup for us."

Chriss – who's more athlete than quarterback struggled to decipher what he was seeing. Aside from a handful of zone-read runs, he rarely found space to maneuver. The Wildcats succeeded in surrounding the redshirt sophomore, limiting him to 55 yards on 18 carries.

Defensive coordinator Duane Akina knew Houston had one main mode of moving the ball — on the ground. If they could force the Cougars into thirdand-long situations, the Wildcats would have the advantage.

They did exactly that. Houston's average to gain on third down was 8.5 yards. The Cougars converted just 2 of 13 at-

#### 2. Emptying the tank

Arizona did not play a great or clean game on offense. Four of the Wildcats' first five drives ended in three-and-outs. Quarterback Noah Fifita got sacked five times.

But Arizona finally made an adjustment after weeks of struggles, and it seemed

to help. I counted 10 instances in which the Wildcats utilized an empty backfield,

stretching the UH defense from sideline to sideline. It might have been even more than that.

Spreading the field accomplished two objectives: (1) It helped create quick passing opportunities for Fifita; and (2) it reduced traffic in the middle of the

It's no secret that Fifita, who's listed at 5-foot-10, has trouble seeing over the line at times. The empty look provides a clearer picture for him. It also discourages defenses from loading up the box and blitzing.

The empty formation produced mixed results. That's how Arizona lined up on its first touchdown, a free play that saw Fifita roll to the left and heave a 33-yard bomb to Tetairoa McMillan. The Wildcats also surrendered two sacks when they emptied the backfield.

Brennan said going to the empty formation was mainly a matchup thing. "Just trying to mix it up," he said.

It's something Arizona ought to use more moving

#### 3. Project Genesis Amid a season that can

only be classified as a disappointment, Smith has emerged as a budding star.

Smith made an imprint in multiple ways Friday in the run game, in the pass game, on special teams. He had a hand in several game-altering plays.

Smith finished with seven tackles, 1.5 stops for a loss, an interception, a pass breakup and a fumble recovery. He did it all from a position that might not be his best - the nickel cornerback spot previously occupied by the injured Treydan Stukes. Smith is a natural free safety. Maybe it's more accurate to describe him as a natural football player.

You could tell Smith was locked in from the start when he blazed downfield to make a solo tackle on punt coverage. On Houston's third offensive play, Smith corralled Chriss for a 1-yard loss. Two plays later, Smith recovered a fumble forced by Stanley Ta'ufo'ou.

The next time Arizona punted, Smith made the tackle again. Both of his stops on the punt team resulted in 1-yard deficits for the Cougars.

"He continues to find the football," Brennan said. "He continues to make plays behind the line of scrimmage. He's a guy that we absolutely depend on."

Even if all three of Arizona's veteran defensive backs — Stukes, Dalton Johnson and Gunner Maldonado - return next sea-

son, Smith has proved too valuable to bump from the lineup. He's also proved to be versatile enough to play multiple spots.

#### 4. Extraordinary talents

The cruel irony of this unsatisfactory UA season is that the Wildcats have a handful of elite players who are destined to be pros.

McMillan is one. Loop is another.

McMillan's touchdown came on a jump-ball situation that you just knew he'd win. Houston's Jeremiah Wilson (5-10) simply had no chance against T-Mac (6-5).

But it was a near-catch later in the first quarter that had the press box buzzing.

McMillan broke free down the left sideline. Fifita slightly overthrew him. It appeared the ball would sail out of bounds. Running full speed, McMillan leaped, snagged the pass with his left hand, tiptoed the sideline - getting both feet in - and cradled the ball as he tumbled to the turf.

Even by McMillan's lofty standards, this was an alltimer. Unfortunately, the officials ruled that McMillan didn't have firm possession before he touched out of bounds. The Big 12 Conference's X feed put it best: "The greatest catch that never was."

Loop managed to upstage T-Mac later in the half, drilling a school-record 62-yard field goal as time expired. It didn't surprise any of us who've watched him in practice or in warmups, where he's made 75-yarders with a

It was fun listening to Brennan and Loop — who later hit a 51-yarder; no big deal - talk about recent adjustments he's made to minimize a draw and kick the ball straighter. Brennan lauded Loop's attention to detail and mindset. NFL scouts undoubtedly are noting those traits, too.

#### 5. A bump for Brennan Is it an overstatement to

say that Brennan saved his job Friday night? Maybe. Maybe not. A loss would have

knocked Arizona out of contention for a bowl game. A lopsided loss would have given a disgruntled fan base more fodder to call for Brennan's firing — a ridiculous notion as recently as two months ago but one that's gained steam, at least in the rumor mill, amid a dispiriting skid.

Then Brennan and his team flipped the script. And in doing so, they



#### ARIZONA FOOTBALL REPORT CARD





**QUARTERBACKS Grade**: B-minus

**Comment:** Operating often in spread formations, Noah Fifita did a better job of getting the ball out of his hand. His average time to throw, per Pro Football Focus, was 2.86 seconds. It was the first time he's been under 3.0 since the opener. Fifita fired some fastballs past open receivers (57.1% overall completion rate), and he threw a late interception that could've been avoided with better ball placement. Earlier, Fifita smartly took advantage of a free play to hit Tetairoa McMillan for a touchdown. Fifita exhibited patience and moxie on his other TD pass to Quali Conley.

#### **RUNNING BACKS**

Comment: Arizona struggled to run the ball in the first half, netting just 6 yards on 15 attempts (including losses on sacks). The Wildcats broke through in the third quarter, and it was Conley who delivered with a 50-yard touchdown dash. After fumbling in each of the previous two games, Conley had no such issues in rushing for 107 yards on 11 carries with an impressive average of 4.64 yards after contact per attempt, per PFF. He also caught three of four targets for 27 yards. Kedrick Reescano had just 28 yards on 11 attempts but ran hard and broke tackles until the final whistle.

#### **RECEIVERS/TIGHT ENDS**

**Comment**: McMillan led the way with six catches for 70 yards and a touchdown that saw him win a jump ball in classic T-Mac fashion. Emerging redshirt sophomore Chris Hunter nearly matched McMillan with a 6-65 line, including 42 yards after the catch. TE Sam Olson caught only one pass, but it was a big one a 31-yarder on third-and-10. Tyler Powell got extensive playing time with Keyan Burnett still battling inju-

ries. Powell fought through defenders to gain a first down on his lone reception

and did good work in the

run game. Offensive linemen

Grade: C

**Comment:** Arizona made a couple of changes up front, inserting veteran transfer Joey Capra at right tackle and flopping guards Wendell Moe Jr. and Alex Doost. Capra struggled. PFF charged him with four sacks and seven pressures allowed. Houston had five sacks in all, including a couple where Fifita had no chance to escape. The ground game was stalled early. But the Wildcats remained persistent and gained 107 yards on 21 carries after halftime. The blocking was textbook on Conley's 50-yard run on a counter play.

#### **DEFENSIVE FRONT**

Grade: A-minus **Comment:** For the most part, the front did a superb job containing mobile Houston QB Zeon Chriss. The Cougars finished with 135 rushing yards - including 55 from Chriss – but needed 34 carries to get there (4.0 ypc). Sophomore LB Taye Brown played well after some midseason struggles, finishing with eight tackles and a forced fumble. DE Dominic Lolesio, starting for the injured Chase Kennedy, also forced a fumble, as did DT Stanley Ta'ufo'ou. DE Tre Smith registered his first sack since the Colorado game – and could have had another if Chriss hadn't eluded his

#### **DEFENSIVE BACKS** Grade: A

**Comment:** Nickel back Genesis Smith was the best player on the field, totaling seven tackles, 1.5 TFLs, an interception and a fumble recovery. Safety Owen Goss was active in run defense and helped thwart a fourthand-goal with tight pass coverage. He finished with a game-high nine tackles,

1.5 TFLs, a fumble recovery and a pass breakup. CB Tacario Davis was utilized as a blitzer and notched two QB pressures, per PFF. Fellow CB Marquis Groves-Killebrew had a sack but struggled at times in pass coverage, getting flagged for interference and yielding a 57-yard completion.

Special teams

**Grade**: B-plus

**Comment:** Tyler Loop had the play of the night – a 62-yard field goal at the halftime buzzer that set a school record and sparked the Wildcats to a 17-0 third quarter. Loop also nailed a 51-yarder and booted all five of his kickoffs into the end zone for touchbacks. Loop lost an opportunity for another three points when holder Michael Salgado-Medina dropped a snap. Salgado-Medina continues to endure freshman growing pains. One of his punts traveled 50 yards with excellent hangtime; a subsequent 40-yarder lacked hangtime and nearly led to a Houston touchdown return (nullified by penalty). Genesis Smith had two tackles in punt coverage.

#### **COACHING**

**Grade:** A-minus

**Comment:** Brent Brennan's team was focused, motivated and determined to end its five-game losing streak. The Wildcats also succeeded in generating their own energy in a halffull building. Defensive coordinator Duane Akina devised an excellent plan to bottle up Chriss – crowding the line of scrimmage and creating confusion – and his players executed it well. The offense, under the direction of Matt Adkins and Dino Babers, utilized more empty-backfield sets, and that helped Fifita distribute the ball. Danny Gonzales' special-teams unit caught a break when a fake-punt pass that would have produced a first down was ruled incomplete.

– Michael Lev

I've heard from multiple sources that Brennan is a man of high character. Whether he can coach effectively at the highest levels of college football remains to be seen.

> The win over Houston felt like a first step toward affirmation.

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turned down the heat on the head coach — at least for a week.

with a palpable sense of

The effort and determination with which the Wildcats played in a half-full stadium spoke volumes about Brennan's ability to motivate them. With an extra week to prewater. pare, they showed up ready to battle. They played

urgency. Afterward, Brennan had no interest in taking credit for the way his team performed. "This thing is never

about me," he said. "It's about those kids. It's about seeing them smile and hug each other and dance and jump around and throw

"I'm just happy for them. To see that excitement again on their faces, that hope on their faces, is just really special."

#### **Aftermath**

From C1

In Arizona's 24-point win over Houston, the Wildcats saved their season from bowl elimination in a fashion akin to the Utah triumph, with defense and special teams. When Arizona took down Utah, the Wildcats scored two touchdowns and three field goals. Against Houston, Arizona flipped the touchdowns (three) and field goals (two).

The Wildcats also created multiple takeaways and were successful on third- and fourth-down stops on defense in both games, holding Utah and Houston to a combined 0 for 8 on fourth down - 8 for 28 (29%) on third down. The Wildcats also had two fumble recoveries and an interception — and they won the turnover battle in their only two wins in Big 12 play.

But the Wildcats added a twist on defense: Arizona often crowded the box and either pressured Houston's dual-threat quarterback Zeon Chriss or dropped back in coverage. The disguised blitzes and drop-backs by Arizona linebacker Taye Brown and the defensive secondary "was obviously effective," said Arizona head coach Brent Brennan. Arizona sophomore defensive back Genesis Smith said, "It was a new look that we added this week ... and a good changeup for us."

A game after giving up 56 points to UCF, the Wildcats gave up the fewest points since the season-opening win over Northern Arizona last season, albeit Housthe Big 12. Arizona also reduced its missed tackles from 23 against Pro Football Focus. A plan Brennan called "population at the to swarm to the football as possible, was the objective for Arizona's defense.

In a game where the offense stalled in the first and second quarters, Arizona's defense kept the Wildcats ahead.

thing in the game," Brennan said. "I thought the players did a great job of executing it.... Tonight, we had good gap integrity and then I this season. thought our guys played incredibly hard. That was the one thing Genesis grow and develop as I said coming out of this game, it a really good player," Brennan needs to look on tape that we're said. "Some of that is him getting a more clean, rotating ball (that) playing harder than them. That's thrusted into action with some of it. That's the only standard I gave the injuries we had early on.... He the team for tonight: we need to continues to find the football and not about being a perfect kicker, happy for Quali."



**KELLY PRESNELL PHOTOS**, ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Arizona running back Quali Conley (7) heads into the end zone on a 50-yard run, a one play drive for the Wildcats, in the third quarter against Houston.



Arizona place kicker Tyler Loop (33) gets congratulated after hitting a 51yard field goal in the third quarter against Houston.

play harder than the opponent."

game, Arizona had a standout defensive back against Houston, but it's not cornerback Tacario ton is the lowest-scoring team in Davis and his five pass breakups **Loop's record day** this time; it's Smith, who had seven tackles, an interception, UCF to 10 on Friday, according to a fumble recovery and had zero missed tackles, per PFF. Statistically, Friday night was arguably football," getting as many bodies the best performance as a Wildcat for Smith, who now leads the team with three interceptions.

Smith has emerged as a Swissarmy knife, plug-and-play defensive back for Arizona, especially with the absences of nickel back Treydan Stukes and safety Gun-"I think that call gave us some - ner Maldonado, who are out with which was a bunch of fun. That season-ending injuries. Smith has was really special." started at three different positions in Arizona's defensive secondary

"We all just continue to see

continues to make plays at the line In comparison to the Utah of scrimmage. He's a guy we absolutely depend on."

As far as special teams...

Arizona's hurry-up offense to end the first half allowed kicker Tyler Loop to add to his stacked résumé and make a program-record 62-yard field goal; the previous record was 57 yards by Loop's down - and no fumbles. predecessor Lucas Havrisik (twice).

"Funny enough, my last field goal that I hit before game day was a 62-yarder in practice," Loop said. "Going out, I was like, 'Heck yeah! I just did this two days ago,'

Like a golfer looking to find the fairway or pin, Loop has learned how to adjust to different conditions. Loop, who usually kicks with a draw, has worked on "wanting to hit it straighter, cuts the wind well," he said.



Arizona defensive coordinator Duane Akina jumps for joy with defensive back Genesis Smith after Smith grabbed a Houston fumble in the first quarter of their Big 12 game on Nov. 15, 2024.

it's about being a perfect adjuster, being a good adjuster," Loop said.

Loop also made a 51-yarder in the third quarter. He is 5 for 7 at **They said it** field goals from over 50 yards this college football history to connect on a field goal of 62-plus yards.

"None of it is surprising to anybody that's ever been around Tyler," Brennan said. "He's an incredibly hard-working young

#### 'Ball security was the main focus' for Conley

In the previous two games, Arizona running back Quali Conley had two costly fumbles in the first half. Conley bounced back on Friday with 11 carries for 107 yards and a touchdown, while catching a special guy. It just gives everythree passes for 27 yards, including a 13-yard screen for a touch-

"Fumbles are part of the game. Although I had two in back-toback games, I just felt like ball segame to get my confidence back," Conley said.

Arizona's rushing attack was pedestrian in the previous two games and even in the first half against Houston. In the previous 10 quarters before the second half on Friday, Arizona had 89 net rushing yards. Led by Conley, the Wildcats had 107 in the final two responded great tonight." quarters, highlighted by Conley's 50-vard touchdown run.

Said Brennan: "It was great to "I've talked about it a lot, it's see it pay off tonight.... I'm really



Saturday

Who: Arizona at TCU When: TBD Saturday Where: Amon G. Carter Stadium, Fort Worth

TV: TBD Radio: 1290-AM, 107.5-FM

#### By the numbers

48: Days between Arizona's last two wins. Before Friday, the Wildcats' last home win was against Northern Arizona on Sept. 7.

326: Total yards Arizona allowed after surrendering 602 yards against UCF. It's the fewest since the Wildcats gave up 182 yards to NAU.

25: Arizona wide receiver Tetairoa McMillan's 25th career touchdown catch on Friday put him in sole possession of third place for all-time receiving touchdowns. McMillan is 112 yards away from setting the Arizona record for career receiving yards.

Brennan, on the celebration season. Loop is the 36th player in in the locker room on Friday: "This thing is never about me. It's about those kids," said Brennan, who was doused with water before his postgame press conference. "It's about seeing them smile, hug each other and dance and jump around, throw water. I'm just happy for them. To see that excitement on their faces, that hope on their faces, is really special."

Conley, on McMillan's touchdown grab and highlight onehanded catch near the Houston sideline: "He makes unbelievable catches. Him just doing that, he's body motivation. ... Only T-Mac can make those plays."

#### Looking ahead

Arizona's (4-6) bowl hopes remain alive with two games to concurity was the main focus in this clude the regular season. On Saturday, the Wildcats will face the TCU Horned Frogs (6-4) in Fort Worth, before hosting rival Arizona State for the Territorial Cup.

"We're fired up," said Brennan. "It feels good. The locker room is just electric. We were focused on just getting one (win). We had to get one. ... I thought our players

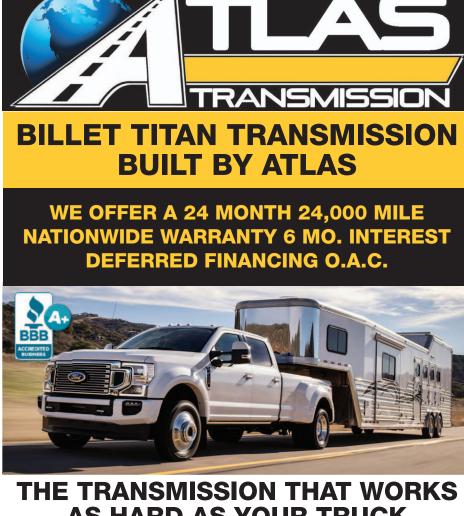
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#### **ARIZONA WOMEN'S TRIATHLON**

### National title to propel UA program

**Arizona Daily Star** 

When Wesley Johnson was hired to lead Arizona's firstever women's triathlon team, a recent addition to UA athletics, his timeline to assemble a team for the inaugural season was six months.

Nearly two years after Johnson was hired, the Wildcats are national champions, winning the USA Triathlon title in Clermont, Florida, on Nov. 9. In the process, Arizona dethroned rival Arizona State, which won the previous six women's triathlon national championships.

"It's been wild," said the UA time experiencing anything like this, so it's been pretty incredible."

Arizona had four Wildcats place in the top 10: junior and New Mexico native Kelly Lynn Wetteland (59 minutes, 20 seconds), Slovakian freshman Margareta Vrablova (59:24), Canadian junior Molly Lakustiak (59:50) and sophomore and Czech Republic native Dana Prikrylová (01:00:09).

Pennsylvania product Ellison Wolfe finished 13th (01:00:32); she had the fastest bike time (30:11) at the event. Senior Lydia Russell, a Pennsylvania native and New Mexico transfer, was the only triathlon athlete to have a sub-17-minute run time (16:59); she finished 21st overall.

A majority of Arizona's roster - and the top finishers atthe national championship hail from international countries: nine of Arizona's triathlon athletes are foreign prospects. Recruiting abroad was akey component to Johnson's roster-building objective before the first season.



**GRACE TREJO, ARIZONA DAILY STAR** 

triathlon coach. "It's the first The Arizona triathlon team practices inside of the Hillenbrand Aquatic Center, Sept. 11, 2024.

everywhere to find the best group and really invest the time into knowing who I was recruiting, because I knew that first year was going to be crucial to our foundation for this team," Johnson said. "We went all-in on finding the right people. That first year, the No. 1 focus and priority was to build the right culture and that foundation.

"Going into Year 2, it was all about recruiting that next class that would add to our first year's success and culture that we established. We knew, from Day 1, that winning teams come from winning cultures and championship teams come from championship cultures. That was the top priority over everything."

Johnson recently joined ESPN Tucson's "Spears and Ali" to discuss Arizona's rise to the national championship, a potential Olympian at the UA and how a national title propels the program.

How important was the UA?

#### "I went international and international market for building your roster?

A: "In Europe, it's a mainstream sport. Cycling and triathlon are huge. The last two years, I've gone to the iunior world championships out there, last year was in Hamburg, Germany, and this year was in Spain, and both locations had half a million spectators on the street that know the sport. It's a much bigger sport (in Europe) and they grow up doing it.... The U.S. is coming along well. ... We're finding these unique unicorns and athletes in the US, as well. The junior program in the US is progressing, but it's up to us to help it progress, and the NCAA system should help the U. raise its standards and level, like we see in Europe and where the rest of the world is."

One of those Americans on your roster is Wetteland, who was the top finisher. What's her story, and how she came to the

**A:** "She was a swimmer interested from other schools. growing up and signed to swim for the University of Arizona. In high school, she ran track and cross country, but she didn't have a focus on running. She didn't train it, they just had her run track meets here and there, and she ended up being the New Mexico state champion for cross country and was also one of the best swimmers out of New Mexico, as well. She was a year into swimming at the nior, Lydia, who graduates U of A and approached us, saying, 'I think triathlon fits me well.' We pursued it. ... She's quite the athlete, for We also have some insanely sure. She's also someone I fast recruits coming in. It's think can be an athlete in only going to get better." the L.A. Olympics, and she

athlon was two years ago." How does winning a national championship help the program land top recruits or even highly-touted athletes in the transfer portal?

didn't even know what tri-

I'm obviously not able to talk to them until they're officially in the transfer portal, but you hear things. I like really developing athletes and starting them as freshmen. ... We've got so much depth already. We're not looking to take any juniors and seniors, we want to take them as freshmen and develop through four years."

#### How does the team look for next season?

A: "We have just one sethis year, but six of the seven athletes who competed at nationals are all coming back.

Take us through the moment when you realized Arizona won a national championship in the program's second season.

**A:** "Fortunately, I wasn't Contact Justin Spears, the at the finish line. I was out on the course, giving them splits and telling them where they **A:** "I know there are some were. We had two girls who

were third and fourth when I saw them on the course, but the girl in front of them was holding her stomach, and I could tell she was hurting and she also had a penalty, so she had to stop for 10 seconds in the penalty box. I told them out there, 'She has a penalty, and she's hurting. Gorun after her!' It was good that I was out on the course and not on the finish line.

"Unfortunately, I didn't get to see the finish line or be there when they finished, but it was crucial that I was out there. I was walking back knowing that we won. I was all alone and I was emotional realizing what had happened. ... I got to the finish line and saw the athletes, saw my family and it was just a huge celebration. We've been celebrating ever

Star's Arizona football beat reporter, at jspears@tucson. com. On X(Twitter):

#### PIMA COLLEGE SOCCER

### Women's squad gets a shot at nationals

Special to the Arizona Daily Star

After missing out on the national tournament and even having to work at the event last year, Pima College women's soccer finally has its chance.

No. 6-seeded Pima (12-4) returned to the NJCAA Division II Women's Soccer Championships after missing out last year when it was at Kino North Stadium. This year, it is in Huntsville, Ala. "I know that the girls that were

returning really had their eyes set on wanting to return to nationals, obviously last year, we hosted it, but were not in it," said Pima women's soccer head coach Kendra Veliz. "So that was a big motivator for them - they actually had to work the tournament last year and so (laughs) that was one of the biggest motivators is 'hey, we want to be playing here, we can do this, let's go get it."

This year, the Aztecs lost 2-1 in overtime to Phoenix College in the region final, so they had to hope for an at-large bid.

"It's very stressful, I'd say because you're at practice and you're like, you don't know if it's your last practice," said Pima sophomore forward Lizzie Walker. "You don't know if it's your last time being able to play with these girls on the field and so it's very just stressful and not being sure what's gonna happen next."

After Phoenix won the automatic bid, Pima seemed to be competing for a spot with Scottsdale, which it went 2-1 against in the regular season. The 12-team **Pickett** tournament features eight district/region champions and four Huntsville, Pima earned the No. same as the women's. Pima won at-large bids.

"I think with the number of at large bids and being in competition with Scottsdale, because we were so close with them on a number of measures, we weren't sure what was gonna have more weight and as it turns out they chose us both, which I think is kind of rare to have two from the same region," Veliz said.

No. 6 seeded PCC opens Pool C play on Sunday at 2:15 p.m. against No. 3 seed Heartland (Ill.).

In 2021, the No. 4 Aztecs tied No. 1 Heartland 2-2 in the national championship match but lost 4-2 on penalty kicks.

Their other pool play match is against No. 10 Pensacola State A against No. 12 Pellissippi State (Fla.) on Monday at 2:15 p.m.

The tournament consists of a Pima, winners of 11 in a row, plays group stage, and then the winners its other pool play match on Tuesof each pool play in the semifinals

and then the finals. On the men's side, also at



STEPHANIE VAN LATUM PHOTOS

The Pima College women's soccer team is getting its shot at nationals after sitting out last year.



**Sanchez** 

1 seed after winning the Region I

"It's obviously really exciting,"

said Pima sophomore defender

Uriah Burrell, a Catalina Foothills

grad. "Last year we didn't get to

supporting them. But now we get

to support each other and be in

happy and be like 'OK, we're sup-

porting our one school in Tucson,

a small school that people kind of

doubt;' and just to see both teams

a high level and just supportive of

The PCC men will open in Pool

(Tenn.) on Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

day against No. 8 seed Mississippi

Gulf Coast at 9:15 a.m.

each other is really exciting."

Sanchez-

Hermosillo



Graves





since 2020-21.





Ortiz

the national championship in Division II title for the first time 2018 and 2021. "Obviously with them being

the No. 1 seed, very high expectations for them," Veliz said. "We're matched up with Heartland again ... the team we lost to in the PKs in go and seeing (the men) go and the nationals, so I think that's set up for a great contest; these girls weren't there to experience it, but Alabama together and just be all I was."

> Walker, who went to Canyon del Oro, said the women's team is close this year, like sisters.

"This year was definitely a step go and be able to be competitive at up," said Walker, who scored 14 goals in 15 matches. "I mean, last year we were a very young team. We had mostly freshmen, so we didn't exactly know what it was like being a college athlete. I think now this year we had exactly an even amount of freshman and sophomores, so there was



The men's soccer squad at Pima College earned the No. 1 seed after winning the Region I Division II title for the first time since 2020-21.

#### **NJCAA Division II Women's Soccer Championships**

Who: No. 3 Heartland (18-1-1) vs. No. 6 Pima (12-4)

When: 2:15 p.m. Sunday

Where: John Hunt Park and Joe Davis Stadium, Huntsville, Ala.

Watch: NJCAA Network (sub-

scription)

I think that was a lot better this team. year for sure."

#### **Corner kicks**

women's players were selected to the All-ACCAC and Region I, Division II teams. Walker was first-team All-ACCAC/Region I. As was sophomore defender Ariela Sanchez-Hermosillo, who just enough leadership and just attended Ironwood Ridge. Fresh-

#### **NJCAA Division II Men's Soccer Championships**

**Who:** No. 12 Pellissippi State (11-1-2) vs. No. 1 Pima (18-1)

When: 9:15 a.m. Sunday

Where: John Hunt Park and Joe Davis Stadium, Huntsville, Ala.

Watch: NJCAA Network (subscription)

into being college athletes and so Tucson High alumna, was second

■ On the men's side, sophomore defender D'Andre Pickett won ACCAC/Region I Division II Player of the Year. He went to Tucson High. Sophomore midfielder Brandon Sanchez and sophomore midfielder and forward Ismael Ruiz were also firstteam All-ACCAC/Region I. Sanchez is a CDO grad and Ruiz hails omore goalkeeper Jose Carlos Or-

■ On Monday, four Pima went to Sahuaro, and sophomore from Tucson High. Sophomore midfielder Solaris Graves, who midfielder Frank Castro and soph-The tournament's format is the experience to lead the freshmen man defender Kamalani Peralta, a tiz, of Nogales, were second team.

# THE BLITZ

#### YOUR QUICK-HIT GUIDE TO WEEK 11 IN THE NFL



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#### Kansas City (9-0) at Buffalo (8-2)

The Chiefs could match a team record for best start to a season, while the Bills haven't won nine of their first 11 since 1992. Kansas City has won 15 straight overall going back to last season to mark the NFL's longest streak since the Packers won 19 in a row in 2010-11. The outing is the eighth between QBs Patrick Mahomes and Josh Allen. Mahomes has a 4-3 edge, including a 3-0 record in playoff meetings. Buffalo has won seven straight home games.



#### Baltimore (7-3) at Pittsburgh (7-2)

Pittsburgh has dominated the series of late, winning six of the past seven matchups. The Steelers have won four straight games overall, the past four with Russell Wilson at QB. Baltimore comes to Pittsburgh with the NFL's top-ranked offense led by two-time MVP Lamar Jackson, but Jackson is just 1-3 when facing Pittsburgh, with four TD passes against



#### Cincinnati (4-6) at LA Chargers (6-3)

The Chargers look to hold a 10th straight opponent to 20 points or fewer, something that hasn't been done to start a season since the Giants did it in 1990. The Chargers have won three straight. Bengals DE Trey Hendrickson leads the NFL with 11 sacks; no other Cincinnati defender has more than two.



#### Atlanta (6-4) at Denver (5-5)

Both teams are coming off tough losses. Falcons RB Bijan Robinson's streak of five consecutive games with at least 100 scrimmage yards will be tested by a Denver defense that ranks seventh against the run and fifth in total yards allowed. The Broncos are 3-0 against the NFC South with all three victories coming by double digits.



#### Houston (6-4) at Dallas (3-6), Mon.

The two Texas teams have just one victory between them over the past month. Dallas has lost four straight and is 0-4 at home. This will be the second game without QB Dak Prescott, who is out for the season with a torn hamstring. Texans QB C.J. Stroud has gone four consecutive games with a passer rating below 100.

#### Green Bay (6-3) at Chicago (4-5)

QB Jordan Love and the Packers will try to continue their dominance over the struggling Bears. They have won 10 straight and 25 of 28 against their rivals. Green Bay had a bye last week after losing to division-leading Detroit. That stopped a four-game win streak. The Bears are reeling with three straight losses. They fired offensive coordinator Shane Waldron and replaced him with passing game coordinator Thomas Brown. No. 1 draft pick Caleb Williams has struggled during the skid after a promising stretch.

#### Las Vegas (2-7) at Miami (3-6)

Tua Tagovailoa and the Dolphins are looking to build on Monday's strong performance against the Rams. The Raiders are coming off a blowout loss to Cincinnati. Las Vegas is going with QB Gardner Minshew despite his struggles this season. He has thrown eight interceptions and has four fumbles. The Dolphins are hoping to win just their second home game of the season. Raiders DE Maxx Crosby is one tackle for loss from 100 for his career. Just three players since at least 1999 have reached that mark in their first six seasons.

#### Indianapolis (4-6) at New York Jets (3-7)

The Colts have lost three straight and fallen one game behind Denver in the chase for the seventh and final AFC playoff spot. New York has dropped six of seven and is one game behind Indianapolis and Cincinnati. The game features a matchup of the NFL's second-youngest starting QB in Anthony Richardson, who is 22, against the oldest in Aaron Rodgers, who turns 41 on Dec. 2. Richardson is back as the starter for the rest of the season after being benched for two games in favor of Joe Flacco.

#### Minnesota (7-2) at Tennessee (2-7)

The Vikings look to improve to 5-0 against AFC teams this season. They lead the all-time series between these teams and need a win to stay on the heels of the Lions not only in the NFC North but the NFC overall. The Titans have gotten QB Will Levis back on the field. They're still struggling to protect him and limit mistakes. They won their most recent game at home. Now they have a chance to win back-to-back games in Nashville for the first time in nearly a year.

#### Los Angeles Rams (4-5) at New England (3-7)

The Rams had a three-game win streak snapped in last week's loss to Miami. The Rams failed to score a touchdown for only the eighth time in coach Sean McVay's eight seasons, and couldn't score an offensive touchdown for only the second time in four years when QB Matthew Stafford was in uniform. They will look to bounce back against a Patriots team that rode a nine-sack performance by its defense to a win over Chicago. It was the Patriots' first win in which rookie Drake Maye started and finished. New England beat the New York Jets in Week 8, but Maye left that start with a concussion.

#### Seattle (4-5) at San Francisco (5-4)

The Niners won the first meeting between the teams for their sixth straight win in the series. The Seahawks are coming off a bye, having lost five of their past six games. The 49ers have won back-to-back games for the first time this season. Seattle WR DK Metcalf is expected to return this week after missing each of the past two games with an MCL sprain. 49ers QB Brock Purdy threw for 353 yards and two TDs last week against Tampa Bay and had his 13th career game with a rating of at least 115.

#### Cleveland (2-7) at New Orleans (3-7)

Jameis Winston is returning to the Superdome with the Browns just one season after ending his four-year stint with the Saints. He faces a Saints squad that won last week for the first time in eight games and now enters its second game under interim coach Darren Rizzi. Saints 2024 first-round draft pick Taliese Fuaga is expected to get one of his toughest tests yet as a pro. New Orleans' left tackle will have to block Browns star defensive end and reigning AP Defensive Player of the Year Myles Garrett.

#### Jacksonville (2-8) at Detroit (8-1)

The Lions are off to their best start in seven decades, thanks in part to the play of Jared Goff. But the Lions got their most recent win despite Goff's gaffes. He threw a career-high five interceptions, leading to a 16-point deficit that Detroit overcame to beat AFC South-leading Houston. Detroit has won seven straight and is off to its best start since 1954. The Jaguars ruled out QB Trevor Lawrence for a second consecutive game due to an injury to his left, non-throwing shoulder. Mac Jones is expected to fill in for him again.

#### **STANDINGS**

AMERI	CAN	CONF	E	RENC	Œ			
EAST	W-L-T	Pct PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Buffalo	8-2-0	.800290	193	4-0-0	4-2-0	6-2-0	2-0-0	3-0-0
Miami	3-6-0	.333 147	202	1-3-0	2-3-0	2-4-0	1-2-0	1-2-0
N.Y. Jets	3-7-0	.300 177	214	2-2-0	1-5-0	3-4-0	0-3-0	1-2-0
New England	3-7-0	.300 160	220	1-3-0	2-4-0	2-5-0	1-2-0	1-2-0
SOUTH	W-L-T	Pct PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Houston	6-4-0	.600 224	226	4-1-0	2-3-0	5-1-0	1-3-0	3-0-0
Indianapolis	4-6-0	.400208	223	3-2-0	1-4-0	3-4-0	1-2-0	1-3-0
Tennessee	2-7-0	.222 157	240	1-3-0	1-4-0	2-4-0	0-3-0	0-1-0
Jacksonville	2-8-0	.200 202	264	2-3-0	0-5-0	2-4-0	0-4-0	1-1-0
NORTH	W-L-T	Pct PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Pittsburgh	7-2-0	.778 215	146	3-1-0	4-1-0	4-1-0	3-1-0	0-0-0
Baltimore	7-3-0	.700 318	253	4-1-0	3-2-0	4-3-0	3-0-0	2-1-0
Cincinnati	4-6-0	.400 270	262	1-4-0	3-2-0	2-4-0	2-2-0	1-2-0
Cleveland	2-7-0	.222 148	213	1-4-0	1-3-0	2-3-0	0-4-0	1-1-0
WEST	W-L-T	Pct PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Kansas City	9-0-0	1.000 219	161	5-0-0	4-0-0	5-0-0	4-0-0	3-0-0
L.A. Chargers	6-3-0	.667 186	118	3-1-0	3-2-0	4-2-0	2-1-0	2-1-0
Denver	5-5-0	.500 197	177	2-2-0	3-3-0	2-4-0	3-1-0	1-2-0
Las Vegas	2-7-0	.222 168	251	1-3-0	1-4-0	2-5-0	0-2-0	0-3-0
NATIO	VAL	CONF	ER	ENC	E			
EAST	W-L-T	Pct PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Philadelphia	8-2-0	.800 259	179	4-1-0	4-1-0	3-0-0	5-2-0	3-0-0
Washington	7-4-0	.636308	243	4-1-0	3-3-0	2-2-0	5-2-0	2-1-0
Dallas	3-6-0	.333 177	259	0-4-0	3-2-0	2-1-0	1-5-0	1-1-0
N.Y. Giants	2-8-0	.200 156	222	0-5-0	2-3-0	1-2-0	1-6-0	0-4-0
SOUTH	W-L-T	Pct PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Atlanta	6-4-0	.600 238	236	3-3-0	3-1-0	0-2-0	6-2-0	4-1-0
Tampa Bay	4-6-0	.400 279	266	2-4-0	2-2-0	0-3-0	4-3-0	1-2-0
Carolina	3-7-0	.300 167	310	2-3-0	1-4-0	1-3-0	2-4-0	1-2-0
New Orleans	3-7-0	.300 227	246	2-3-0	1-4-0	0-3-0	3-4-0	2-3-0
NORTH	W-L-T	Pct PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Detroit	8-1-0	.889 284	171	3-1-0	5-0-0	2-0-0	6-1-0	2-0-0
Minnesota	7-2-0	.778 221	157	4-1-0	3-1-0	4-0-0	3-2-0	1-1-0
Green Bay	6-3-0	.667 230	194	3-2-0	3-1-0	4-0-0	2-3-0	0-2-0
Chicago	4-5-0	.444 175	167	4-1-0	0-4-0	2-3-0	2-2-0	0-0-0

#### **SCORES AND SCHEDULE**

#### Thursday's result Philadelphia 26, Washington 18 Sunday's games

WEST

Arizona

Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m. Cleveland at New Orleans, 11 a.m. Green Bay at Chicago, 11 a.m. Jacksonville at Detroit, 11 a.m. L.A. Rams at New England, 11 a.m. Las Vegas at Miami, 11 a.m. Minnesota at Tennessee, 11 a.m. Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets. 11 a.m. Atlanta at Denver, 2:05 p.m. Seattle at San Fran., 2:05 p.m. Kansas City at Buffalo, 2:25 p.m. Cincinnati at LA Chargers, 6:20

#### Open: Arizona, Carolina, N.Y. Giants, Tampa Bay Monday's game

Houston at Dallas, 6:15 p.m.

#### Thursday, Nov. 21 Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 6:15 p.m.

W-L-T Pct PF PA Home Away AFC NFC Div

6-4-0 .600 238 220 4-2-0 2-2-0 3-1-0 3-3-0 2-0-0

4-5-0 .444 210 221 2-4-0 2-1-0 3-1-0 1-4-0 0-2-0

San Francisco 5-4-0 .556 233 202 3-2-0 2-2-0 2-1-0 3-3-0 1-2-0

L.A. Rams 4-5-0 .444 185 217 3-2-0 1-3-0 1-1-0 3-4-0 2-1-0

Sunday, Nov. 24 Dallas at Washington, 11 a.m. Detroit at Indianapolis, 11 a.m. Kansas City at Carolina, 11 a.m. Minnesota at Chicago, 11 a.m. New England at Miami, 11 a.m. Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants, 11 a.m. Tennessee at Houston, 11 a.m. Denver at Las Vegas, 2:05 p.m. Arizona at Seattle, 2:25 p.m. San Fran. at Green Bay, 2:25 p.m. Philadelphia at L.A. Rams, 6:20

Open: Buffalo, Cincinnati, Jacksonville, N.Y. Jets, Atlanta, New

Orleans Monday, Nov. 25 Baltimore at L.A. Chargers, 6:15

GAMES OF	N LOCAL TV	
11 a.m.	Baltimore at Pittsburgh	CBS
2 p.m.	Seattle at San Francisco	FOX
2:25 p.m.	Kansas City at Buffalo	CBS
6:20 p.m.	Cincinnati at L.A. Chargers	NBC
6:15 p.m. (Mon.)	Houston at Dallas	ESPN, ABC

#### **SEASON LEADERS**

Through Week 10 games **PASSING YARDS** 



Player, team	Yards	Com.	Att.	TD
J. Burrow, CIN	2,672	246	358	24
L. Jackson, BAL	2,669	199	288	24
K. Cousins, ATL	2,634	227	333	17
G Smith SEA	2 560	233	342	11

#### **RUSHING YARDS**



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	Player, team	Yards	Att	Long	TD
	D. Henry, BAL	1,120	184	87	12
	S. Barkley, PHI	991	171	65	6
	C. Hubbard, CAR	161	38	6	
	J. Jacobs, GB	762	158	38	3

#### **RECEIVING YAR**



DS				
Player, team	Yards	Rec.	Long	TD
J. Chaase, CIN	981	66	70	10
J. Jefferson, MIN	831	53	97	5
T. McLaurin, WAS	711	47	66	6
G. Wilson, NYI	704	65	35	5

#### THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Nov. 13, 1949: Chicago's Bob Nussbaumer intercepts four passes, and the Cardinals set an NFL record for points in a regular-season game with a 65-20 victory over the New York Bulldogs.

Nov. 13, 2005: In the longest play in NFL history, Chicago defensive back Nathan Vasher returns a missed field goal 108 yards for a touchdown on the final play of the first half in a 17-9 win against the 49ers.

**Nov. 14, 1943:** Sid Luckman of the Chicago Bears becomes the first pro to pass for more than 400 yards (433) and seven TDs in a 56-7 victory over the New York Giants.

Nov. 14, 1993: Don Shula breaks George Halas' career record for victories with No. 325 as the Miami Dolphins defeat Philadelphia 19-14. Shula's record: 325-153-6 in 31 seasons with Baltimore and Miami; Halas: 324-151-31 in 40 seasons with Chicago.

Nov. 15, 1964: Kansas City quarterback Len Dawson fumbles seven times in a 28-14 loss to the San Diego Chargers.

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Pirates pitcher Paul Skenes is shown in this Sept. 28 file photo.

#### Pirates make unique offer for Skenes trading card

Team offers season tickets for 30 years Skenes, whose fastball hits ing out there somewhere in

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thing Paul Skenes can get to move fast

featuring a patch from the named the starting pitcher Pittsburgh Pirates rookie for the National League in pitcher's jersey and his au- the All-Star Game after just tograph is so hot the Pirates 11 starts and finished the are making a splashy offer in season 11-3 with a 1.96 ERA hopes of landing it in trade.

The team has put together plate at PNC Park for 30 years, a softball game on the be given out next week. field, and a meet and greet lands the one-of-a-kind

the act, saying whoever proin a luxury suite.

The card could hold Ryan Stolz said. pretty high value in the

the potentially bright future Cowser and Jackson Hollitriple digits with regularity. The first overall pick in the PITTSBURGH – Turns 2023 draft made his major put together one of the most impressive rookie seasons in A Topps trading card recent memory. Skenes was in 23 games for the Pirates.

Skenes was named a fia package that includes sea- nalist for the NL Cy Young son tickets behind home and NL Rookie of the Year on Monday. The honors will

A spokesperson for Fawith Skenes for whoever natics, which owns Topps, said the collectibles comitem and gives it to the team. pany was surprised itself Skenes' girlfriend, LSU when the Pirates put out gymnast and influencer an all-call for the card. The nounced the move Friday. Livvy Dunne, also got in on company hadn't experienced any treasure hunts duces the card and swaps it such as this since the jerwith the club can take in a sey-patched rookie cards Pirates game alongside her were rolled out in 2023, public relations manager

Elly De La Cruz, Pete open market considering Crow-Armstrong, Colton provided no other details.

ahead for the 22-year-old day cards are all still floataddition to Skenes, he said.

Pittsburgh's offer generated significant buzz when out baseballs aren't the only league debut in May and it was announced Friday, not unlike the golden tickets in the classic children's book "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory."

Steelers defensive lineman Cam Heyward wondered where he could buy the card and one Pittsburgh television station bought several packs of cards and considered opening them on-air.

#### **BRIEFLY**

**BLUE JAYS:** Toronto hired former Cincinnati Reds manager David Bell as vice president of baseball operations and assistant general manager. The Blue Jays an-

OBIT: Al Ferrara, an outfielder who won World Series championships in 1963 and 1965 with the Los Angeles Dodgers, died Friday. He was 84. The team announced his death but



#### **FOOTBALL**

#### College How the AP Top 25 Fared

No. 1 Oregon (10-0) at Wisconsin. Next: vs. Washington, TBA.
No. 2 Ohio St. (9-1) beat Northwestern 31-7. Next: vs. No. 5 Indiana, Saturday. No. 3 Texas (9-1) beat Arkansas 20-10.

Next: vs. Kentucky, Saturday. No. 4 Penn St. (9-1) beat Purdue 49-10. Next: at Minnesota, Saturday.

No. 5 Indiana (10-0) did not play. Next: at

No. 2 Ohio St., Saturday. No. 6 Tennessee (8-1) at No. 11 Georgia.

Next: vs. UTEP, Saturday.

No. 7 BYU (9-0) vs. Kansas. Next: at Arizona St., Saturday.

No. 8 Notre Dame (8-1) beat Virginia

35-14. Next: vs. No. 16 Army, Saturday. No. 9 Alabama (8-2) beat Mercer 52-7.

Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday.
No. 10 Mississippi (8-2) did not play. Next:

at Florida, Saturday.

No. 11 Georgia (7-2) vs. No. 6 Tennessee. Next: vs. Umass, Saturday.
No. 12 Miami (9-1) did not play. Next: vs.

Wake Forest, Saturday.
No. 13 Boise St. (8-1) at San Jose St. Next: at Wyoming, Saturday.

No. 14 SMU (9-1) beat Boston College

38-28. Next: at Virginia, Saturday.
No. 15 Texas A&M (7-2) vs. New Mexico St.. Next: at Auburn, TBA.

No. 16 Army (9-0) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Notre Dame, Saturday.
No. 17 Clemson (8-2) beat Pittsburgh

24-20. Next: vs. The Citadel, Saturday. No. 18 Colorado (8-2) beat Utah 49-24. Next: at Kansas, Saturday.
No. 19 Washington St. (8-1) at New Mexico.

Next: at Oregon St., Saturday.

No. 20 Kansas St. (7-2) vs. Arizona St.. Next: vs. Cincinnati. TBA.

No. 21 LSU (6-4) lost to Florida 27-16. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, TBA.

No. 22 Louisville (6-4) lost to Stanford 38-35. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, TBA.
No. 23 South Carolina (6-3) vs. No. 24

Missouri. Next: vs. Wofford, Saturday. No. 24 Missouri (7-2) at No. 23 South Carolina. Next: at Mississippi St., Saturday. No. 25 Tulane (9-2) beat Navy 35-0. Next: vs. Memphis. Thursday.

#### Arizona 27, Houston 3 0 3 0 0 7 3 17 0 **First Quarter**

ARIZ-McMillan 33 pass from Fifita (Loop kick), 8:28. Second Quarter

HOU-FG Martin 49, :42 ARIZ-FG Loop 62, :00.

Third Quarter

ARIZ—Conley 13 pass from Fifita (Loop kick), 10:01. ARIZ-FG Loop 51, 6:15. ARIZ-Conley 50 run (Loop kick), 4:27.

A-38,538. **TEAM STATISTICS** 

First downs	14	20					
Total Net Yards	326	337					
Rushes-yards	34-135	36-113					
Passing	191	224					
Punt Returns	4-9	2-9					
Kickoff Returns	0-0	0-0					
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	1-5					
Comp-Att-Int	16-28-1	20-35-1					
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-16	5-33					
Punts	4-43.8	5-41.0					
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0					
Penalties-Yards	4-39	2-30					
Time of Possession	28:56	31:04					
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS							
		ac Charles					

RUSHING-Houston, Sanford 10-76, Chriss 18-55, Burnette 2-10, Butler 1-2, D.Smith I-O, Mews 1-(minus 3), D.Williams 1-(minus 5). Arizona, Conley 11-107, Reescano 11-28, (Team) 2-(minus 4), Salgado-Medina 1-(minus 9), Fifita 11-(minus 9). PASSING—Houston, Chriss 16-27-1-191, Edwards 0-1-0-0. Arizona, Fifita 20-35-1-224.

RECEIVING-Houston, Sanford 5-40, Johnson 4-70, Mews 3-16, Manjack 2-60, Butler 1-6, Carr 1-(minus 1). Arizona, McMillan 6-70 C.Hunter 6-65, Conley 3-27, Patterson 2-13, S.Olson 1-31, Reescano 1-12, Powell 1-6. MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

#### **WEEK 12** Saturday's results

#### EΔST CCSU 35, Robert Morris 33, OT

Clemson 24, Pittsburgh 20 Columbia 21, Brown 12 Cornell 39, Dartmouth 22 Delaware 41, Campbell 22 Duquesne 42, Wagner 21 Fordham 31, Georgetown 3 Harvard 31, Penn 28 Holy Cross 40, Bucknell 38 Lafayette 42, Stonehill 10 Lehigh 45, Colgate 17 Liberty 35, Umass 34, OT Marshall 31, Coastal Carolina 19 Monmouth (NJ) 40, Villanova 33 New Hampshire 31, Stony Brook 30 Presbyterian 42, Marist 23 Rhode Island 20, Albany (NY) 17 Sacred Heart 31, Merrimack 20 St. Francis (Pa.) 34, LIU Brooklyn 27 Temple 18. FAII 15. OT Towson 31, NC A&T 13 Tulane 35, Navy 0 Yale 42, Princeton 28

SOUTH Alabama 52, Mercer 7 Auburn 48, Louisiana-Monroe 14 E. Kentucky 30, Austin Peay 27, OT Elon 31. Maine 25 Furman 24, ETSU 21 Jackson St. 16, Alabama St. 10 Jacksonville St. 34, FIU 31

Kentucky 48, Murray St. 6 Louisiana Tech 12, W. Kentucky 7 MVSU 24, Florida A&M 21 McNeese St. 35, Northwestern St. 3 Norfolk St. 38. Delaware St. 19 Richmond 24, Hampton 21 Sam Houston St. 23, Kennesaw St. 17, OT Samford 36, Chattanooga 13 Southern U. 31, Ark.-Pine Bluff 9 Tennessee St. 23. Gardner-Webb 20

#### Tennessee Tech 10, UT Martin 9 The Citadel 30, Wofford 17 W. Carolina 58, VMI 28 William & Mary 22, Bryant 12

MIDWEST Butler 36, St. Thomas (Minn.) 20 Dayton 26, Valparaiso 14 Illinois 16, Charleston Southern 13, OT Illinois 38, Michigan St. 16 Illinois St. 31, Indiana St. 19 Morehead St. 29, Drake 20 Ohio St. 31, Northwestern 7 S. Dakota St. 41, S. Illinois 10 SE Missouri 54, W. Illinois 45 South Dakota 42, North Dakota 36 Youngstown St. 39, N. Iowa 38, OT

SOUTHWEST East Texas A&M 41, Houston Christian 40 Incarnate Word 27, Stephen F, Austin 20 Texas 20, Arkansas 10

Texas Southern 17. Bethune-Cookman 14 FAR WEST Air Force 28, Oregon St. 0 Colorado 49, Utah 24

Montana 28, Portland St. 17 N. Arizona 44, N. Colorado 3 Svracuse 33, California 25 Utah St. 55, Hawaii 10

#### **High schools** FRIDAY'S STATE TOURNAMENT **SCORES**

#### **6A first round** No. 1 Phoenix Brophy Prep 54, No. 10

Anthem Boulder Creek 0 No. 8 Gilbert Perry 27, No. 9 Chandler 24 No. 5 Salpointe Catholic 31, No. 12 Gilber Williams Field 28 No. 4 Mesa Mountain View 52, No. 13 Lavee

Cesar Chavez 7 No. 14 Peoria Centennial 21, No. 3 Mesa Re Mountain 7 No. 11 Queen Creek Casteel 29, No. 6 Gilber Higland 27

No. 7 Phoenix Pinnacle 46, No. 10 Phoeni Mountain Pointe 7 No. 2 Queen Creek 42, No. 15 Phoenix Sandr Day O'Connor 28

#### 5A first round No. 1 ALA-Gilbert North 49, No. 16 Phoeni

Barry Goldwater 21 No. 8 Gilbert Campo Verde 42, No. 9 Temp McClintock 39 No. 12 Glendale Raymond S. Kellis 49, No.

Ironwood Ridge 7 No. 4 Glendale Cactus 42, No. 13 Mountain No. 3 Sierra Vista Buena 65, No. 14 Cas

Grande 28 No. 6 Buckeye Verrado 17, No. 11 Notre Dam No. 7 Goodyear Desert Edge 42, No. 10 Cav

Creek Cactus Shadows 19 No. 2 Tucson High 14, No. 15 Cienega 7 4A first round

No. 1 Yuma Catholic 35, No. 16 San Tan Valley Combs No. 9 Walden Grove 30, No. 8 Phoenix Northwest Christian 20 No. 5 Phoenix Thunderbird 49, No. 12 Prescott Valley Bradshaw Mountain 20

No. 4 Mica Mountain 45, No. 13 Flagstaff Coconino 10 No. 3 Snowflake 59, No. 14 Canyon del Oro 6 No. 6 Prescott 20, No. 11 Casa Grande Vista

No. 7 Phoenix Arcadia 34, No. 10 Chandler Seton Catholic Prep 30 No. 2 Chandler AZ College Prep 37, No. 15 Goodyear Estrella Foothills 14

3A quarterfinals No. 1 Queen Creek Benjamin Franklin 33, No 8 Queen Creek ALA-Ironwood 26 No. 4 Pusch Ridge Christian 38, No. 12 Surprise Paradise Honors 6 No. 3 Thatcher 38, No. 6 Florence 9 No. 2 Waddell ALA-West Foothills 28, No. 10 Eagar Round Valley 6

2A quarterfinals No. 1 Gilbert San Tan Charter 30, No. 8 Scottsdale Prep 12 No. 12 Scottsdale Christian 26, No. 13 Phoenix Veritas Prep 24 No. 3 Pima 38, No. 6 Bisbee 22 No. 2 Tonopah Valley 56, No. 7 Phoenix

#### Arizona Lutheran 30 **NEXT WEEK'S STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

7 P.M. FRIDAY, NOV. 22 (unless noted)

Open quarterfinals
No. 8 Chandler Hamilton at No. 1 Marana No. 5 Gilbert Higley at No. 4 Peoria Liberty No. 6 Scottsdale Desert Mountain at No. 3 ALA-Oueen Creek

No. 7 Scottsdale Horizon at No. 2 Chandler Basha 6A quarterfinals
No. 8 Gilbert Perry at No. 1 Phoenix Brophy Prep No. 5 Salpointe Catholic at No. 4 Mesa Mountain View

No. 14 Peoria Centennial at No. 11 Oueer Creek Casteel No. 7 Phoenix Pinnacle at No. 2 Or

**5A quarterfinals** No. 8 Gilbert Campo Verde at No. 1 ALA-Gilbert North No. 12 Glendale Raymond S. Kellis at No. 4 Glendale Cactus No. 6 Buckeye Verrado at No. 3 Sierra Vista Buena

No. 7 Goodyear Desert Edge at No. 2 Tucson High **4A quarterfinals** No. 9 Walden Grove at No. 1 Yuma Catholic No. 5 Phoenix Thunderbird at No. 4 Mica Mountain No. 6 Prescott at No. 3 Snowflake

No. 7 Phoenix Arcadia at No. 2 Chandler AZ College Prep

3A quarterfinals No. 2 Waddell ALA-Foothills vs. No. 3 Thatcher (2 p.m., Nov. 23, Mesa High) No. 1 Queen Creek Benjamin Franklin vs. No. 4 Pusch Ridge Chrisitan (6 p.m., Nov. 23, Mesa High)

2A semifinals No. 2 Tonopah Valley vs. No. 3 Pima (2 p.m., Nov. 23. at Mesa Westwood) No. 1 Gilbert San Tan Charter vs. No. 12 Scottsdale Christian (6 p.m., Nov. 23, at Mesa Westwood)

BASKETBALL NΒΔ

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic 10

F 30 a m	TDU	AUTO RACING	2 p.m.	NBC	FIGURE SKATING ISU: The Finlandia Trophy
5:30 a.m.		Valencian Community Grand Prix	2 p.m.	NDC	. ,
2 p.m.	FS1	In-N-Out Burger NHRA Finals	4 p.m.	CBSSN	<b>FOOTBALL</b> CFL Grey Cup: Toronto vs. Winnipeg
10 a.m.	FS1	New Mexico at St. John's	9 a.m.	GOLF	<b>GOLF</b> PGA: Bermuda Championship, final round
11 a.m.	BTN	Saint Mary's vs. Nebraska	Noon	GOLF	LPGA: The ANNIKA, final round
11:30 a.m.	CBSSN	Clemson at Boise St.			HOCKEY
2 p.m.	ESPN2	Utah vs. Mississippi St.	2 p.m.	NHLN	AHL: Rockford at Chicago
7:30 p.m.	BTN	California at Southern Cal	1 20 0 00	CHNC	NBA
Noon	<b>COL</b> I ACCN	LEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S) Georgia at Georgia Tech	1:30 p.m.		Phoenix at Minnesota  NBA G-LEAGUE
Noon	FS1	Stanford at Indiana	Noon	NBATV	Delaware at College Park
1 p.m.	ESPN	NC State at TCU	6 p.m.	ESPNU	Stockton at South Bay
1:30 p.m.		Duke at S. Dakota St.	11 a.m.	CBS	<b>NFL</b> Baltimore at Pittsburgh
5:30 p.m.	BTN	Arkansas at UCLA	2 p.m.	FOX	Seattle at San Francisco
5:30 p.m.		Texas at DePaul	2:25 p.m.	CBS	Kansas City at Buffalo
		COLLEGE SOCCER (MEN'S)	6:20 p.m.	NBC	Cincinnati at L.A. Chargers (also on NBCPK)
10 a.m.	ESPNU	ACC Tournament: Wake Forest vs. Clemson	6 n m	NHLN	NHL Washington at Vogas
10 a.m.	FS2	Big East Tournament: Georgetown vs. Providence	6 p.m.	NHLN	Washington at Vegas
1 p.m.	BTN	Big Ten Tournament: Michigan vs. Ohio St.	12:30 p.m	. FS2	SOCCER (MEN'S) UEFA Nations: Italy vs. France
10 a.m.	<b>COL</b> ACCN	LEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S) Syracuse at Clemson	12:30 p.m	. ABC	<b>SOCCER (WOMEN'S)</b> NWSL Playoffs: Kansas City at Orlando
10 a.m.	ESPN+	Arizona at West Virginia	8 p.m.	CBSSN	Serie A: Como at AC Milan (taped)
11 a.m.	ESPN	Texas at Alabama	4.2 m	TEN	<b>TENNIS</b> BJK Cup Finals
11 a.m.	SECN	Mississippi St. at Mississippi	4 a.m. 7 a.m.	TEN	ATP Finals Doubles
1 p.m.	ESPN	NC State at TCU	10 a.m.	TEN	ATP Finals Doubles  ATP Finals Singles
1 p.m.	SECN	Arkansas at LSU		ICIN	WNBA
3 p.m.	BTN	Illinois at Purdue	3 p.m.	ESPN	Draft Lottery
		RA	DIO		
11 a.m.	1490-AM		FL	1490-AM	Cincinnati at L.A. Chargers

All events are Tucson times. Schedule subject to change and/or blackouts. Channel guide: ACCN is ACC Network (Ch 171 on Cox, Ch 1325 on Comcast, Ch 612 on DirecTV, Ch 402 on Dish) BTN is Big Ten Network (Ch 320 on Cox, Ch 272 on Comcast, Ch 610

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on DirecTV, Ch 439 on Dish) **CBSSN** is CBS Sports Network (Ch 312 on Comcast, Ch 204 on Cox, Ch 274 on Comcast, Ch 205 on DirecTV, Ch 140 on Dish) **CBSSN** is CBS Sports Network (Ch 312 on Cox, Ch 274 on Comcast, Ch 205 on DirecTV, Ch 140 on Dish) **ESPN2** (Ch 25 on Cox, Ch 276 on Comcast, Ch 206 on DirecTV, Ch 141 on Dish) **ESPN2** (Ch 25 on Cox, Ch 208 on DirecTV, Ch 141 on Dish) **ESPN3** (Ch 26 on Cox, Ch 208 on DirecTV, Ch 141 on Dish) **ESPN3** (Ch 26 on Cox, Ch 208 on DirecTV, Ch 141 on Dish) **ESPN3** (Ch 26 on Cox, Ch 208 on DirecTV, Ch 141 on Dish) **ESPN3** (Ch 26 on Cox, Ch 208 on DirecTV, Ch 141 on Dish) F51 is Fox Sports 1 (Ch 27 on Cox, Ch 32 on Comcast, Ch 219 on DirecTV, Ch 150 on Dish) F52 is Fox Sports 2 (Ch. 341 on Cox, not available on Comcast, Ch. 618 on DirecTV, Ch. 397 on Dish) GOLF (Ch 65 on Cox, Ch 28 on Comcast, Ch 218 on DirecTV, Ch 401 on Dish) NBATV is NBATV (Ch 308 on Cox, Ch 273 on Comcast, Ch 216 on DirecTV, Ch 156 on Dish) NBCPK is NBC's Peacock (streaming only) **NHLN** is NHL Network (Ch 310 on Cox, Ch 279 on Comcast, Ch 215 on DirecTV, Ch 157 on Dish) **SECN** is SEC Network (Ch 329 on Cox, Ch 286 on Comcast, Ch 611 on DirecTV, Ch 408 on Dish) **SUNS** is Phoenix Suns games (13.3 over the air, Ch 19 on Cox) **TEN** is Tennis (Ch 315 on Cox, Ch 277 on Comcast, Ch 217 on DirecTV, Ch 400 on Dish) TRU is TruTV (Ch 52 on Cox, Ch 34 on Comcast, Ch 246 on DirecTV, Ch 242 on Dish)

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Chicago Nashville

Pacific

Vegas

Los Angeles 18

Dallas

Utah

Minnesota

Carolina

Tampa Bay

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2	Orlando	8	6	.571	-
	Atlanta	6	7	.462	11/2
)	Miami	5	6	.455	11/2
)	Charlotte	5	7	.417	2
	Washington	2	9	.182	41/2
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	L.A. Clippers	6	7	.462	41/2

Brooklyn

Saturday's results Charlotte 115, Milwaukee 114 L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, (n) Toronto at Boston, (n) San Antonio at Dallas, (n)

Utah at Sacramento, (n) Sunday's games Phoenix at Minnesota, 1:30 p.m.

Miami at Indiana, 3 p.m. Atlanta at Portland, 4 p.m. Charlotte at Cleveland 4 n m Denver at Memphis, 4 p.m. Detroit at Washington, 4 p.m. Brooklyn at New York, 5 p.m. Dallas at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m. Houston at Chicago, 5 p.m. IIIah at L.A. Clippers, 7 p.m. NBA Cup group play

	NBA Cup								
East A		East C		West B					
New York	2-0	Atlanta	2-0	LA Lakers	1				
Orlando	2-0	Cleveland	1-0	Okla. City	1				
Brooklyn	0-1	Boston	0-1	Phoenix	1				
Charlotte	0-1	Chicago	0-1	San Ant.	0				
Phila.	0-2	Wash.	0-1	Utah	0				
East B		West A		West C					
Detroit	2-0	Houston	1-0	Golden St.	2				
Milwaukee	1-0	Portland	1-0	N. Orleans	1				
Miami	1-1	Minn.	1-1	Dallas	0				
Indiana	0-1	LA Clip.	0-1	Denver	0				
Toronto	0-2	Sac.	0-1	Memphis	0				
Round-ro	bin fo	ormat Nov.	12-D	ec. 3. Top					

#### team in each group plus one wild card from each conference advance to knockout rounds. College

Men's: Wisconsin 103, No. 9 Arizona 88 ARIZONA (2-1) Awaka 3-8 3-5 9, Townsend 6-10 5-6 17. Bradley 7-14 7-13 22, Lewis 4-11 6-8 15, Love 2-13 2-2 6, Dell'Orso 2-5 2-2 8, Krivas 4-7 0-0 8, Bryant 0-2 1-2 1, Veesaar 0-2 2-2 2, Champion 0-0 0-0 0, Lloyd 0-2 0-0 0, Martinez 0-0 0-0 0, Weitman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-74 28-40 88

WISCONSIN (4-0) Crowl 3-4 2-4 8, Winter 1-3 2-2 4, Blackwell 3-8 7-8 14, Klesmit 3-7 6-6 13, Tonje 8-14 21-22 41, Janicki 3-6 1-2 9, McGee 2-3 0-0 6, Amos 2-6 2-3 8, Gilmore 0-0 0-0 0, Hodges 0-0 0-0 0, Ilver 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-52 41-47 103. Halftime—Wisconsin 55-44. **3-Point**Goals—Arizona 4-23 (Dell'Orso 2-4, Lewis 1-3, Bradley 1-4, Bryant 0-2, Lloyd 0-2, Townsend 0-2, Love 0-6), Wisconsin 12-27 (Tonje 4-6, McGee 2-2, Amos 2-4, Janicki 2-4, Blackwell 1-3, Klesmit 1-5, Crowl 0-1, Ilver 0-1, Winter 0-1). **Fouled Out**—Awaka, Love, Crowl. **Rebounds**—Arizona 44 (Awaka 13), Wisconsin 25 (Tonje 6). **Assists**–Arizona

6 (Love, Bryant 2), Wisconsin 17 (Crowl 6). **Total Fouls**—Arizona 32, Wisconsin 31. **A**-16,838 (17,230). Women's: Arizona 84, Chicago State 48

ARIZONA (5-0) Beh 1-4 0-0 2, Cunningham 6-9 2-2 14, Jones 4-8 3-4 11, Paris 2-3 0-0 5, Williams 2-7 2-2 6, Dew 3-6 0-0 7, Jah 1-6 0-2 2, Knezevic 3-5 0-0 6, Rhodes 0-2 0-0 0, Ross 0-0 2-2 2, Tack 2-2 6-10 10, Rolf 2-6 2-2 7, Swann 3-8 4-4 12, Totals 29-66 21-28 84

CHICAGO ST. (0-5) Parrish 4-10 1-1 9, Hill 5-14 0-2 11, Culver 3-9

4-4 12, Gant 0-4 2-2 2, Walker 2-11 0-0 4, Norris 0-0 0-0 0, Urlacher 0-2 0-0 0, Mount 0-0 0-0 0, Allen 1-6 0-2 2, Champagne 1-3 1-1 3. Hohenecker 1-2 0-0 2. McGee 0-0 1-2 1, Williams 0-2 2-2 2, Totals 17-63 11-16 48 Arizona 26 26 18 14 - 84 Chicago St. 13 9 18 8 - 48

3-Point Goals—Arizona 5-22 (Beh 0-1, Jones 0-4, Paris 1-1, Williams 0-4, Dew 1-4, Jah 0-1, Knezevic 0-2, Rolf 1-1, Swann 2-4), Chicago St. 3-15 (Parrish 0-1. Hill 1-1. Culver 2-4. Gant 0-1. Walker 0-6. Urlacher 0-1. Allen 0-1). **Assists**—Arizona 15 (Dew 3, Williams 3), Chicago St. 8 (Gant 2). **Fouled Out**—Chicago St. Parrish Rehounds-Arizona 57 (Rolf 10) Chicago St. 28 (Hill 9). Total Fouls—Arizona 18, Chicago St. 20. **Technical Fouls**—None. **A**—333.

HOCKEY								
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Buffalo at Philadelphia, (n) Columbus at Montreal. (n) Edmonton at Toronto, (n) New Jersey at Tampa Bay, (n) Ottawa at Carolina, (n) San Jose at Pittsburgh, (n) Winning at Florida (n) Detroit at Los Angeles, (n)

Chicago at Vancouver, (n) Sunday's games St. Louis at Carolina, 3 p.m. Washington at Vegas, 6 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Seattle, 7 p.m. Nashville at Vancouver, 8 p.m.

#### **EASTERN CONFERENCE**

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Hershey	15	10	4	1	0	21	49	4
WB/Scranton	12	8	3	1	0	17	39	29
Charlotte	11	7	3	0	1	15	47	34
Lehigh Valley	13	6	4	2	1	15	39	4
Hartford	13	6	5	1	1	14	37	4!
Providence	13	6	6	1	0	13	37	3
Springfield	14	5	8	1	0	11	37	4
Bridgenort	1/	3	Q	1	1	Q	12	5.

#### Cleveland 14 9 4 0 1 19 48 44 Toronto 12 7 1 2 2 18 39 32 Belleville 12 6 2 0 4 16 35 36 Rochester 12 7 4 1 0 15 44 32 13 6 5 1 1 14 33 32 Syracuse Utica 12 0 9 1 2 3 21 51 WESTERN CONFERENCE Central Milwaukee

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for an overtime or shootout loss. Saturday's results

Laval at Rochester, (n) Providence at Hartford, (n) Bridgeport at WB/Scranton, (n) Coachella Valley at Abbotsford, (n) Grand Rapids at Milwaukee, (n) Syracuse at Utica, (n) Texas at Iowa, (n) Charlotte vs. Springfield, (n) Hershey at Lehigh Valley, (n) Manitoba at Chicago, (n) Bakersfield vs. San Diego, (n) Calgary at San Jose, (n) Turson at Henderson (n) Ontario at Colorado, (n)

Sunday's games Cleveland at Providence, 1:05 p.m. Rochester vs. Toronto, 2 p.m. Rockford at Chicago, 2 p.m. Calgary at San Jose, 4 p.m.

#### SOCCER MLS playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS Saturday, Nov. 23 New York City vs. New York, 3:30 p.m. Los Angeles FC vs. Seattle, 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 Atlanta vs. Orlando, 1:30 n.m.

Minnesota vs. LA Galaxy, 4 p.m.

**SPORTS SHORTS** 

### Buffaloes roll, move closer to Big 12 title game

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

BOULDER, Colo. – **Shedeur** set by Sefo Liufau in 2014. Sanders overcame a shaky start to throw three touchdown passes, LaJohntay Wester returned a punt 76 yards for a score late to beat Utah 49-24 on Saturday.

Winners of four straight, the Buffaloes (8-2, 6-1 Big 12, No. 17 CFP) remain in the driver's seat for an appearance in the conference title game and possibly a spot in the College Football win total from a season ago when they finished 4-8.

together yet. We haven't played our best game," coach Deion comin," we still comin. We never stopped comin'. We are comin'.

We ain't nearly there yet." Sanders threw an interception on his first pass of the game and later lost a fumble. But he settled in and finished 30 of 41 for on TD passes with **Will Shep-**

the single-season school record urday.

Leading 35-16 early in the fourth quarter, the Buffaloes saw the Utes stage a late rally to make things interesting down and No. 18 Colorado pulled away the stretch. The comeback was the birth of his daughter on thwarted by **D.J. McKinney's** interception and then a sack from Shilo Sanders that resulted in a fumble that Colorado

recovered. ■ In Chicago, **Will Howard** passed for two touchdowns, Quinshon Judkins had two Playoff. They've doubled their 1-yard TD runs and No. 2 Ohio State pounded Northwestern 31-7 on Saturday at Wrigley "We haven't even put it all Field. Backed by a supportive crowd at the home of baseball's Chicago Cubs, the Buckeyes (9-**Sanders** said. "That should be, 1, 6-1 Big Ten, No. 2 CFP) shook in itself, scary. When I said, 'We off a slow start on the way to their fourth consecutive win. Next up is a pivotal matchup with No. 5 Indiana next week-

■ In Greeley, Colo., **Ty Pen**nington accounted for three touchdowns, **Seth Cromwell** 16-under 197, both searching 340 yards. He connected twice ran for 155 yards and a score and NAU (7-4, 5-2 Big Sky) won its **pard**. Sanders has thrown 27 TD fourth straight by beating host passes, one away from matching Northern Colorado 44-3 on Sat-tied for the lead with **Rasmus** mous decision.

#### Campos. Novak share lead

Rafael Campos celebrated Monday and now is in position for another big moment. He set a personal best with a 9-under 62 on Saturday to share the lead

going into the final round of the

SOUTHAMPTON, Bermuda

Butterfield Bermuda Championship. **Andrew Novak** also shot a 62 on a day when the wind became ferocious toward the end of the round at Port Royal, with gusts topping 40 mph. Novak caught a break on the 18th when his tee shot was rolling back down

a cart path and hopped onto the blustery day with a 62, drove into the water on the par-5 18th and scrambled for a bogey for a 68 to finish one shot behind.

Campos and Novak were at for their first victory.

■ In Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Rory McIlroy was

#### Hojgaard and Antoine Rozner

heading into the final round of the season-ending World Tour Championship as the Northern Irishman closed in on a sixth Race to Dubai title on Saturday.

passing grade.

**Netflix struggles in first try** LOS ANGELES - Netflix's first attempt at handling a live sports event did not receive a

Mike Tyson and Jake Paul experienced streaming problems, according to many viewers on social media. Many viewers took to Twitter/X and Bluesky to express their frustrations with streaming and buffering prob-

lems before and during the fight. According to the website **Justin Lower**, who began the Down Detector, nearly 85,000 viewers logged problems with outages or streaming leading up to the fight.

The bout was scheduled for eight two-minute rounds, as opposed to the normal three minutes and 10 or 12 rounds for most pro fights.

Paul won the fight by unani-

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Hoosiers top Gamecocks**

■ In Bloomington, Ind., **Myles Rice** scored 17 of his 23 points in the first half, and No. 16 Indiana (3-0) defeated South Carolina 87-71 on Saturday in a men's basketball game. Rice, a Washington State transfer, hit 7 of 10 shots, including 3 of 4 from 3-point range and all six foul shots.

■ The Pima College men's basketball team improved to 4-0 with The fight Friday night between a 109-78 win over Wenatchee Valley College at the Aztec Fall Classic on Friday. Pima was in action against Big Bend CC on Saturday at the event.

■ In Charlotte, N.C., **LaMelo** Ball scored 19 of his 26 points in the second half, and the Charlotte Hornets overcame **Giannis Ante**tokounmpo's first triple-double of the season to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 115-114 on Saturday.

■ In Turin, Italy, **Taylor Fritz** followed his runner-up finish at the U.S. Open by beating Alexander Zverev 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (3) on Saturday to play for the trophy at the ATP Finals. In Sunday's final, Fritz will face top-ranked Jannik **Sinner** – the player he lost to in the U.S. Open final.



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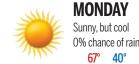
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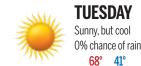
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Wind: WNW 4-8 mph gust to 11 mph

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**Airport** 

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**Oro** 

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**THURSDAY** Mostly sunny; warm 0% chance of rain

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Wind: E 6-12 mph gust to 17 mph

Oracle

53/36/mc

Mostly cloudy and cool today; a shower in spots to the north and east. Clear and chilly tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow; pleasant to the west. Tuesday: plenty of sunshine. Wednesday: pleasant with plenty of sunshine. Thursday: sunny much of the time and very warm; pleasant. Friday: very warm with partial sunshine.

Vail



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#### **SKYWATCH**

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#### TUCSON ALMANAC

Statistics are through 6 p.m. Saturday at Tucson Int. Airport

Precipitation		Wind and air	
24 hours through		Top wind speed	10 mph
6 p.m. Saturday	0.00"		3 p.m.
Month-to-date	0.43"	High barometer	29.91"
Normal m-t-d	0.26"	Low barometer	29.82"
Year-to-date	11.52"	High dew point	34°
Normal year-to-date	9.38"	Low dew point	31°
Last year to date	8.36"	Avg. dew point	31°
Last rain Nov. 3	0.43"	High humidity	67%
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#### **Tucson Temperatures**

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Tucson temperature trends ■ Daily temperatures ■ Forecasi

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Benson	61/34/0.00
Bisbee	61/31/0.00
Casa Grande	63/40/0.00
Coolidge	63/41/0.00
Douglas	67/34/0.00
Flagstaff	40/22/0.00
Globe	57/37/0.00
Grand Canyon	40/20/0.08
Green Valley	64/41/0.00
Greer	41/21/0.00
Mount Lemmon	39/30/0.00
Nogales	62/35/0.00
Oracle	54/37/0.00
Payson	49/34/0.00
Phoenix	65/48/0.00
Prescott	45/23/0.03
Safford	64/32/0.00
Sedona	52/35/0.00
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Willcox	62/29/0.00
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Albany, NY	57/33/0.00	55/34/s	Indianapolis	54/43/0.00	62/51/pc
Albuquerque	61/35/0.00	51/36/r	Jackson, MS	74/55/0.00	77/61/s
Asheville	69/36/0.00	69/42/pc	Kansas City	64/51/0.00	63/55/c
Atlanta	72/48/0.00	72/49/s	Las Vegas	60/42/0.00	62/41/s
Atlantic City	63/36/0.00	64/42/pc	Los Angeles	66/46/0.00	69/48/s
Austin	83/63/0.00	84/71/t	Louisville	59/44/0.00	68/56/pc
Baltimore	63/37/0.00	62/42/s	Memphis	67/52/0.00	72/61/pc
Bismarck	45/28/0.01	53/25/s	Miami	81/72/0.00	80/71/pc
Boise	45/33/0.00	44/31/sh	Milwaukee	52/47/0.00	57/37/c
Boston	62/43/0.00	61/43/s	Minneapolis	54/39/0.00	52/37/s
Buffalo	49/37/0.00	53/47/c	New Orleans	77/66/0.00	80/70/pc
Burlington, VT	55/30/0.00	49/35/pc	New York	62/45/0.00	63/49/s
Casper	40/25/0.00	44/32/s	Oklahoma City	71/57/0.00	69/61/t
Charleston, SC	69/45/0.00	72/48/s	Omaha	62/38/Tr	56/38/pc
Charleston, WV	53/36/Tr	66/45/pc	Orlando	79/60/0.00	80/60/pc
Cheyenne	47/24/0.00	48/27/s	Philadelphia	62/42/0.00	63/46/s
Chicago	52/48/0.00	59/43/c	Pittsburgh	51/37/Tr	58/48/pc
Cincinnati	53/42/0.00	63/52/pc	Portland, ME	54/35/0.00	56/33/s
Cleveland	51/41/0.03	59/48/c	Portland, OR	50/47/0.07	53/42/r
Colorado Springs	57/24/0.00	45/27/pc	Providence	61/40/0.00	62/37/s
Columbia, SC	70/42/0.00	71/44/s	Raleigh	66/39/0.00	67/46/s
Columbus, OH	50/41/0.00	60/49/pc	Richmond, VA	67/40/0.00	64/42/pc
Dallas	77/63/0.00	76/68/t	Sacramento	60/35/0.00	60/40/pc
Denver	50/28/0.00	52/29/s	Salt Lake City	40/29/0.01	46/35/s
Des Moines	59/45/0.01	54/41/pc	San Antonio	81/65/0.00	85/68/t
Detroit	51/43/0.00	57/45/c	San Diego	64/45/0.00	67/51/s
Duluth	49/38/Tr	45/31/c	San Francisco	61/47/0.00	59/49/pc
Durango, CO	46/22/Tr	49/19/c	San Jose	64/42/0.00	62/46/pc
El Paso	78/50/0.01	62/45/t	Santa Fe	55/29/0.00	48/30/r
Eugene, OR	50/44/0.03	54/38/r	Seattle	47/43/0.16	50/39/r
Fargo	55/37/0.00	50/33/pc	Sioux Falls	61/33/0.00	57/32/s
Fresno	59/38/0.00	61/46/s	Spokane	39/32/0.00	44/30/r
Grand Rapids	50/44/0.00	56/39/c	St. Louis	55/48/0.00	66/57/pc
Great Falls	45/29/Tr	52/32/c	Syracuse	54/34/0.00	52/41/c
Hartford	64/36/0.00	65/37/s	Washington, DC	64/43/0.00	64/47/s

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	Today	Buenos Aires	66/56/r	Johannesburg	84/58/t	Puerto Vallarta	85/66/c
City	Hi/Lo/W	Cabo	78/50/s	Kabul	56/31/s	Rio de Janeiro	79/72/s
-		Cairo	79/61/s	Karachi	91/69/s	Rome	63/56/pc
Amsterdam	49/39/sh	Copenhagen	47/39/s	Kuwait City	87/62/pc	San Juan	85/76/sh
Athens	62/46/pc	Dublin	48/39/r	London	51/44/pc	Sao Paulo	79/66/sh
Baghdad	83/50/pc	Frankfurt	45/40/r	Madrid	67/42/s	Seoul	51/29/pc
Bangkok	93/79/t	Guaymas	65/53/sh	Moscow	44/37/c	Singapore	87/76/t
Beijing	55/24/s	Helsinki	42/33/sh	New Delhi	81/60/pc	Sydney	83/68/r
Berlin	46/38/sh	Hong Kong	81/73/pc	Ottawa	43/35/pc	Tokyo	72/58/pc
Budapest	40/30/pc	Jerusalem	70/53/s	Paris	51/43/c	Vienna	47/41/pc

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**NFL** | NOTEBOOK

#### Browns place rookie Hall Jr. on injured reserve

#### **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

CLEVELAND - Cleveland Browns rookie defensive tackle Mike Hall Jr. was placed on injured reserve Saturday and will miss at least four games with a if Hall needs surgery. knee injury sustained during an

Also, the Browns down-

The move came days after to disorderly conduct. Wills said he made a "business game last month against Baltimore because his surgically repaired knee wasn't right. Coach final eight games. Kevin Stefanski later said Wills, a "poor choice of words" in explaining his choice to sit out.

Wills was replaced in the starting lineup by Dawand receiver Kadarius Toney from Jones. Wills was listed on the the practice squad and signed team's injury report this week

but as a "full" participant.

when the Browns (2-7), who were coming off their bye week, practiced in their fieldhouse ahead of their game at the Superdome. Stefanski did not say

It's been a challenging first indoor practice drill this week. season for Hall, who was suspended five games by the NFL graded tackle Jedrick Wills Jr. following a domestic violence to out with a knee injury for arrest in August. The 21-year-Sunday's game at New Orleans. old later pleaded his case down

The Browns selected Hall in decision" by not playing in a the second round of this year's draft and were expected to give him more playing time over the

On Thursday, defensive coora first-round pick in 2020, used dinator Jim Schwartz said Hall was likely going to get some snaps at end.

The team also elevated wide defensive tackle Sam Kamara and defensive end Elerson Hall got hurt on Thursday Smith to the active roster.



**DAVID RICHARD, AP FILE** 

Cleveland Browns offensive tackle Jedrick Wills Jr. prepares for a game against the New York Giants, on Sept. 22 in Cleveland.

#### Paul believes he can fight for title after beating Tyson

Former heavyweight champ, 58, might be done

#### **SCHUYLER DIXON Associated Press**

ARLINGTON, Texas - Jake Paul believes he can fight for a championship belt within two years.

Mike Tyson might be finished in the ring after the 58-year-old former heavyweight champion's first sanctioned pro bout since 2005.

An event hyped like a prize fight turned into a glorified sparring session, the eight-round bout won by Paul in a lopsided unanimous decision at the home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys on Friday

night. There will continue to be questions for Paul over when he will fight a contender in his prime, as opposed to aging former champs, mixed martial artists or journeymen boxers.



**JULIO CORTEZ**, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jake Paul reacts after defeating Mike Tyson in Friday's heavyweight boxing match in Arlington, Texas.

ber-turned-boxer's answers have and my ability and my power. been consistent, and now he has a And the cruiserweight division is timeline.

"I think it could happen in the next 24 months," Paul said. "I

The 27-year-old YouTu- truly, truly believe in my skills seemingly open for the taking on that timeline."

Tyson, whose last fight before fight with Paul's older brother, two.

Bride 19 years ago, said he was confident in taking on Paul because of an entertaining exhibition against Roy Jones Jr. in front of no fans during the pandemic in 2020.

A shorter fight (instead of 10 or 12 rounds) with shorter rounds (two minutes instead of three) and heavier gloves fell far short of entertaining.

The International Boxing Hall of Famer came at Paul hard in the opening seconds, and briefly again to start the second round. Otherwise, he mostly let Paul come to him, and Paul said he thought Tyson was too fatigued Paul will be back in the ring. The to be a threat beyond the third

Still, Tyson wouldn't say immediately afterward it was his last fight after the officially recorded loss dropped his record to 50-7 with 44 knockouts.

"It depends on the situation,"

retiring was a loss to Kevin Mc- Logan Paul, who was standing near him in the ring.

"I'll kill you, Mike," Logan Paul shot back, using an expletive for emphasis.

But Tyson said he had gone in the ring "one last time" in a social media post Saturday that provided details about the health scare he faced that forced the postponement from the fight's original date this summer.

"I almost died in June," Tyson wrote on X. "Had 8 blood transfusions. Lost half my blood and 25lbs in hospital and had to fight to get healthy to fight so I won."

There's no question the younger former social media influencer started boxing about 4 1/2 years ago and has always said he wants to be a championship fighter.

"He's a very good fighter," said Tyson, the undisputed heavyweight champ from 1987-90, after Paul won 80-72 on one judge's Tyson said before suggesting a scorecard and 79-73 on the other

# Business

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#### Bluesky adds 1M users since election

**SARAH PARVINI Associated Press** 

LOS ANGELES – Social media site Bluesky gained about 1 million new users in the week since the U.S. election, as some X users look for an alternative platform to post their thoughts and engage with others online.

Bluesky said Wednesday that its total users surged to 15 million, up from roughly 13 million at the end of October.

Championed by former Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey, Bluesky was an invitation-only space until it opened to the public in February. That invite-only period gave the site time to build out moderation tools and other features.

The platform resembles Elon Musk's X, with a "discover" feed as well a chronological feed for accounts that users follow. Users can send direct messages and pin posts, as well as find

"starter packs" that provide a curated — not respond to requests for comment. list of people and custom feeds to fol-

The post-election uptick in users isn't the first time it benefitted from people

Bluesky gained 2.6 million users in the week after X was banned in Brazil in August -85% of them from Brazil, the company said. About 500,000 new users signed up in the span of one day last month, when X signaled that blocked accounts would be able to see a user's

Despite Bluesky's growth, X posted last week that it "dominated the global conversation on the U.S. election" and set new records. The platform saw a 15.5% jump in new-user signups on Election Day, X said, with a record 942 million posts worldwide.

Representatives for Bluesky and X did

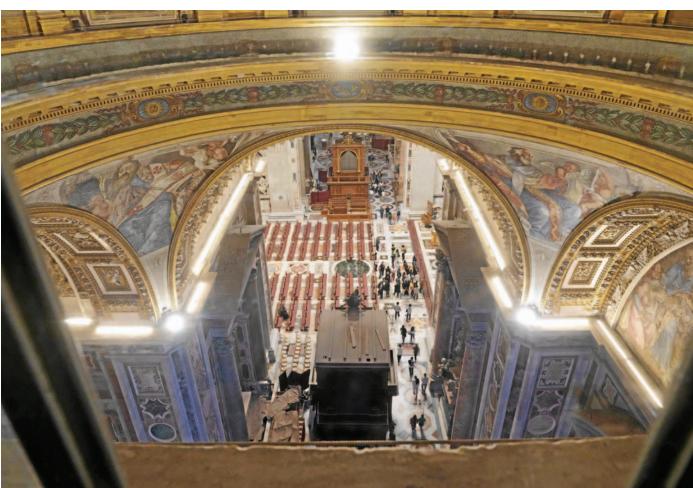
Bluesky referenced its competitive

relationship to X through tongue-incheeks comments, including an Election Day post on X referencing Musk watching voting results come in with President-elect Donald Trump.

"I can guarantee that no Bluesky team members will be sitting with a presidential candidate tonight and giving them direct access to control what you see online," Bluesky said.

Across the platform, new users among them journalists, left-leaning politicians and celebrities - posted memes and shared that they were looking forward to using a space free from advertisements and hate speech. Some said it reminded them of the early days of X, when it was still Twitter.

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**GREGORIO BORGIA**, ASSOCIATED PRESS

A view of St. Peter's basilica during the preview to the media of the exhibition 'Petros eni', which is part of the project "St. Peter's Basilica: AI-Enhanced Experience" on Nov. 9 at the Vatican.

#### ST. PETER'S BASILICA GOES HIGH-TECH, OFFERS AI TOURS

**NICOLE WINFIELD Associated Press** 

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican and Microsoft have unveiled a digital twin of St. Peter's Basilica that uses artificial intelligence to explore one of the world's most important monuments while helping the Holy See manage visitor flows and identify conservation prob-

Using 400,000 high-resolution digital photographs, taken with drones, cameras and lasers over four weeks when no one was in the basilica, the digital replica is going online alongside two new on-site exhibits to provide visitors — real and virtual — with an interactive experience.

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Cardinal Mauro Gambetti, right, and Microsoft's vice-Chairman and President Brad Smith unveil the project "St. Peter's Basilica: AI-Enhanced Experience" during a news conference Nov. 11 at the Vatican.

#### **States ready** rules for selfdriving cars

Stateline.org

Early one morning last year, as state Rep. Josh Bray left his small town of Mount Vernon in southeastern Kentucky to make his way to the Capitol in Frankfort, he decided to count how many drivers he saw texting or distracted by something else.

He quit counting after 24 when he saw a truck driver reading a newspaper while going down the road.

The incident spurred the Republican lawmaker's effort to pass a bill this spring in the Kentucky legislature that sets rules for self-driving vehicles, including the largest commercial trucks after July 2026. Bray thinks the rules will ensure self-driving vehicles are safer than those operated by often-distracted human drivers.

The new law for fully autonomous vehicles - designed to function without a human driver present - requires owners to file a safety and communication plan that law enforcement can use and to have a minimum of \$1 million in liability insurance per vehicle, roughly 10 times higher than the amount for regular personal vehicles.

"I felt like it was necessary to have something on the books in Kentucky because we are kind of a logistics hub," Bray said. For example, he said, self-driving baggage handling vehicles at a northern Kentucky airport now will be able to cross a state road.

The legislature approved the bill in late March and a few weeks later overrode a veto by Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear, who said the bill advanced too quickly and there should be a testing period before fully autonomous vehicles are allowed to drive in

While no fully autonomous cars are in regular use in the country yet, some states allowed limited testing and pilot programs on public roads. Many state legislatures are trying to get ahead of self-driving vehicles that eventually will be on their roads by setting standards for operating the vehicles and rules for law enforcement if they see an autonomous vehicle breaking a traffic law.

Many laws require, as Kentucky's does, a minimum insurance requirement to protect drivers, passengers and pedestrians, should the vehicles be involved in an accident.

This year, five states and Washington, D.C., enacted bills dealing with fully automated vehicles, according to Douglas Shinkle, associate director of environment, energy and transportation for the National Conference of State Legislatures. The new laws in Alabama, Kentucky and South Dakota allow for the operation of fully autonomous vehicles, while California's new law deals with safety requirements. North Carolina's brings the vehicles under updated dealer regulations for all cars.

About half the states already have statutes regulating vehicles operated by some degree of autonomous technology - ranging from the fully autonomous vehicles that are not on the road yet to those with some driver-assist functions, Shinkle said. Many of the laws already are being changed.

Most of this year's new laws have to do with commercial vehicles, he said. States hope to bring in manufacturers of the vehicles or other industries that would use the technology.

"A lot of this is motivated by states that don't want to be left behind," Shinkle said. "They hope this may lead to jobs in their states."

Labor unions worry that driving jobs might be lost to the technology.

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#### **JILL ON MONEY**

#### Looking at the post-election economy

represented by gross domestic product.

in the nation, and it expanded by a 2.8%

The economy is expected to grow by

and 2023, when economists thought that

about 2.5% to 2.7% this year, following

better-than-expected results in 2022

high inflation and interest rates would

GDP tallies all goods and services sold

annualized pace in the third quarter,

propelled by consumer spending.

by the time you read this, Election Day will be over, but the economy will continue to do its thing. Although various reports have painted a picture of a solid economy on strong



know that if you saw a recent Gallup poll, which found that more than half of Americans (52%) say they and their family are were four years ago (39% 9% are about the same).

worse off today than they **SCHLESINGER** say they are better off, and

How can we square the feelings with the data? Let's start with the big-picture view,

footing, you would not

Amazingly, the U.S. has far outperformed other developed nations during the COVID recovery years. U.S. GDP, adjusted for inflation, has grown by 10.7% from the fourth quarter of 2019 to the second quarter of 2024. That's almost twice as fast as Canada or the E.U. and

push us into a recession.

three times as fast as Japan.

A separate report underscored progress on inflation. After peaking in June 2022 at an annual rate of 7.88%, the Federal Reserve's preferred measure of price increases, the PCE Index, has shown significant progress. In September, the PCE Index was up 2.1% from a year ago. Despite the easing of the inflation rate, still-high prices remain a thorn in the side of consumers, which may explain the dismal Gallup Poll results.

Theoretically, if the job market is strong enough to push up wages faster

than the inflation rate, workers should

be OK. Although the October jobs re-

port was a disappointment (just 12,000

jobs created due in part to the impact of

Boeing strike), the labor market has been a key component of the post-COVID recovery. In fact, on average, U.S. workers are making more money today than they were in 2019, even when accounting for But the details are tricky. For example,

Hurricanes Milton and Helene and the

if you are a renter, whose housing costs have skyrocketed by about 25% since 2019, you are feeling a lot more pressure than someone who owns a home with a cheap mortgage rate. Or if you are a family paying for day care versus an individual supporting herself, the costs are drastically different.

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#### **SOCIAL SECURITY & YOU**

## How government benefits interact

have been saving up some emails from readers who want to know how other government benefits might affect their eligibility for Social Security, or vice versa. In other words, they wonder if their Social Security

benefits impact whatever other government benefits they might be due.



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I can always deal with that first issue. In other words, I can tell you what happens to Social Security

if you get another government benefit. On the other hand, I usually can't tell you what might happen to your other benefit when you get Social Security. For allegation of a disability very that answer, you'd have to talk to someone at the agency that manages whatever other government benefit you are talking about.

Q: I am about to turn 62 and want to file for my Social Security, but I am getting unemployment insurance. Can I get both at the same time?

A: There is no Social Security law that prevents you from getting unemployment benefits and Social Security benefits at the same time. But as I said

above, you would have to ask agency if their rules let you do that.

Q: I am 60 years old. I have several medical problems, and I am in the process of filing for Social Security disability benefits. I am also filing for unemployment benefits. Will one benefit offset the other?

A: As I said in the prior answer, the Social Security laws say you can get Social Security and unemployment at the same time. But you are in a whole different boat than the guy who asked the prior question. He is filing for retirement benefits. You are filing for disability benefits. And if I was processing your disability claim, I'd be looking at your skeptically. Why? Well, to get disability benefits, you are telling the Social Security Administration that you are unable to work because of some disabling condition. But at the same time, you are telling the unemployment agency that you are ready, willing and able to work, but you just can't find a job. I hope you see the conundrum there. And even though I don't know their rules, if I were your unemployment benefit adjudicator, I'd also be very skeptical.

Q: I am getting worker's comsomeone at your unemployment pensation benefits, and I am now in the process of filing for Social Security disability benefits. Will I be able to get both benefits at the same time?

> **A:** The answer is yes, but with some qualifications. There is a law that says the combination of your Social Security disability benefits and your worker's compensation payments cannot exceed 80% of the average monthly income you had before you became disabled. (There is a complicated formula they use to come up with that 80% figure that I really don't understand; just know that it ends up with a maximum of around 80%.)

Anyway, if the combined benefits exceed that level, one or the other gets reduced to take you down to the 80% rate. Which benefit gets cut varies from state to state. But it's been my experience that most of the time, it is your Social Security check that gets reduced.

O: Can I get disability from the Veterans Administration and a disability benefit from Social Security at the same time?

A: You can get Social Security disability benefits while getting a disability check from the VA at the same time. And I'm pretty sure your VA check won't be re-

duced if you get Social Security. But to be sure, you'd have to ask of someone at the VA.

Q: I get VA disability, but I was turned down for Social Security disability. Why? How can one government agency say I'm disabled but another government agency says I'm not?

A: Because each government agency has its own legal definition of "disability." For example, the VA has degrees of disability. In other words, you might be classified as "50% disabled" by that agency. Or it could be 10%. Or 70%. Each case is different. But to get Social Security disability benefits, the law says you must be 100% disabled. Or to be more precise, it says your disability must be so severe that you are unable to do any kind of work, or that your condition is terminal.

O: I am retired military and get a military retirement pension. I am about to turn 62 and plan to file for Social Security. Will that military pension affect my Social Security?

A: No, it won't. You can get Social Security and military retirement at the same time. But once again, you've got to talk to the military retirement people to see what happens when you start getting Social Security. I'm pretty sure nothing happens, but it doesn't hurt to ask.

**Q:** I get a teacher's retirement pension from the state of Texas. If my husband dies, I'm told I won't get any of his Social Security. Why?

A: A Social Security retirement pension has always offset any widow's benefits you might be due — dollar for dollar.

By the same token, the government pension offset law says your teacher's retirement pension also will offset any widow's benefits due. But the GPO law cuts you a deal. Instead of a dollar-for-dollar offset, your teacher's pension is only a twothirds offset. In other words, an amount equal to two-thirds of your teacher's pension will be deducted from any widow's benefits you might be due from Social Security.

If you have a Social Security question, Tom Margenau has two books with all the answers. One is called "Social Security - Simple and Smart: 10 Easy-to-Understand Fact Sheets That Will Answer All Your Questions About Social Security." The other is "Social Security: 100 Myths and 100 Facts." Email him at thomas.margenau@comcast.net. To read past columns, visit creators.

**Schlesinger** 

As I explained in a recent column, general economic reports do not apply to everyone specifically, and it's very hard for non-wonks to consider inflation-adjusted wages as they are confronted with higher prices. Perhaps that's the disconnect between the data and the Gallup poll. Very few of us walk down the grocery aisle or pay our insurance bills and think, "Thank goodness I got a pay increase" or "I'm sure glad my 401(k) is up so much." Nope, we just shake our heads and complain about the cost of ev-

Ben Carlson, author of the blog A Wealth of Common Sense, reminds us that in a growing economy, prices rise, but "inflation in the 2020s has happened in a much more compressed time horizon than in the past. One reason inflation has been so painful to many households, not just financially but psychologically, is that we aren't used to this kind of economic volatility in such a short period of time."

The election will be long

over when we do adapt - and it will not be due to who is in

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**GREGORIO BORGIA**, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Images of St. Peter's Basilica are projected on a screen during the preview to the press of the exhibition "Petros eni," which is part of the project "St. Peter's Basilica: AI-Enhanced Experience" on Nov. 9 at the Vatican.

#### Virtual

From D1

technologically advanced and sophisticated projects of its kind that has ever been pursued," Microsoft's president Brad Smith said at a Vatican news conference.

ahead of the Vatican's 2025 Jubilee, a holy year in which more advanced photogrammetry and than 30 million pilgrims are expected to pass through the basilica's Holy Door, on top of the 50,000 who visit on a normal day.

should feel welcome in this great Iconem, incorporates 22 petahouse," Pope Francis told Smith bytes of data - enough to fill five an ancient faith and preserve a in France and Ancient Olympia, and members of the project's de- million DVDs - Smith said.

velopment teams at an audience Monday.

The digital platform allows visitors to reserve entry times "It is literally one of the most to the basilica, a novelty for one of the world's most visited monuments that regularly has an hours-long line of tourists waiting to get in.

But the heart of the project The project was launched is the creation of a digital twin of St. Peter's Basilica through artificial intelligence that allows anyone to "visit" the church and learn about its history.

The ultra-precise 3D replica, developed in collaboration with workers responsible for the proj-"Everyone, really everyone digital preservation company

The images have already identified structural damage and signs of deterioration, such as missing mosaic pieces, cracks and fissures invisible to the naked eye, with a speed and precision far beyond

human capabilities. Francis has called for the ethical use of AI and used his annual World Message of Peace this year to urge an international treaty to regulate it, arguing that the risks of technology lacking human values of compassion, mercy, moral-

ity and forgiveness were too great. On Monday, he thanked the Microsoft team and basilica ect and marveled at how modern piece of world patrimony, which in Greece.

celebrates the 400th anniversary of its consecration in 2026.

"This house of prayer for all peoples has been entrusted to us by those who have preceded us in faith and apostolic ministry," he told Smith and the delegation. "Therefore, it is a gift and a task to care for it, in both a spiritual and material sense, even through the latest technologies."

Smith declined to give a price tag for Microsoft's investment in the project, saying only it was "substantial" and was borne of Francis' initiative in 2018 to bring tech companies together to promote ethnically minded AI.

He said Microsoft did similar technology was helping spread AI projects at Mont Saint-Michel

#### **Bluesky** From D1

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On Wednesday, The Guardian said it would no longer post on X, citing "far right conspiracy theories and racism" on the site as a reason.

At the same time, television journalist Don Lemon posted on X that he will leave the platform but continue to use other social media, including Bluesky.

Lemon said he felt X was no longer a place for "honest debate and discussion." He noted changes to the site's terms of service set to go in effect Friday that state lawsuits against X must be filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas rather than the Western District of Texas. In July, Musk said he would move X's headquarters to Texas from San Francisco.

"As the Washington Post recently reported on X's decision to change the terms, this 'ensures that such lawsuits will be heard in courthouses that are a hub for conservatives, which experts say could make it easier for X to shield itself from litigation and punish critics," Lemon wrote. "I think that speaks for itself."

Last year, advertisers such as IBM, NBCUniversal and its parent company Comcast fled X over concerns about their ads showing up next to pro-Nazi content and hate speech on the site, with Musk inflaming tensions with his own posts endorsing an antisemitic conspiracy theory.

#### Cars

From D1

Dustin Reinstedler, president of the Kentucky chapter of the AFL-CIO, testified against the bill in his state, saying at a legislative hearing that his union preferred alternative legislation calling for a study of the "effects of autonomous vehicles on our roads and the jobs of over 50,000 workers."

Already. autonomous ride-hailing vehicles from Waymo, formerly known as the Google self-driving car project, dot the landscape in Los Angeles, Phoenix and San Francisco, allowed to drive within limited areas.

raised safety concerns. California enacted a law this year that will, among other things, require manufacturers to continuously monitor every autonomous vehicle on the road and designate a remote human operator to im-



MARIO TAMA, GETTY IMAGES

A Waymo autonomous self-driving Jaguar taxi drives March 14 along a street in Los Angeles.

The law also allows law enforce-Fully autonomous vehicles ment to issue a notice of noncompliance when autonomous vehicles violate local traffic or-

> Safety Administration is investigating four crashes - including one that killed a pedestrian ing vehicles and driver-assist should mirror that required for

partial-automation which can navigate highways and steer the car on city streets but requires a licensed driver to be present. NHTSA said reduced The National Highway Traffic visibility may have led to the

Bray argued that the self-drivmobilize a vehicle if necessary. — of Teslas operating with a vehicles are "much safer than regular cars with drivers.

human drivers." He added that fully autonomous vehicles, such as large trucks, could run in the middle of the night, taking traffic off the roads during peak hours and lowering the risk of tired drivers falling asleep.

The idea of semitrucks without drivers makes Kentucky Republican state Sen. Greg Elkins uneasy. He opposed the bill and supported the governor's veto.

"My reasoning was I just don't think technology is there yet, particularly with 18-wheel vehicles," he said. "I would have been OK with the bill that would have restricted (it to smaller vehicles)."

Robert Passmore, a vice president at the American Property Casualty Insurance Association, a trade group for insurance companies, said if individual autonomous vehicles come into regular use, the insurance companies still have to answer the question of "who was driving at the time." He argued the liability coverage

#### PERSONAL FINANCE



#### New airline rules simplify refunds for canceled flights, delayed bags

#### **ERIN BENDIG**

Kiplinger's Personal Finance

n April, the Department of Transportation announced new airline rules re-**L** quiring prompt automatic cash refunds to passengers when owed. The final rule took effect Oct. 28 and should simplify and speed up the process of receiving your money back due to a canceled or significantly changed flight or delayed luggage.

"Passengers deserve to get their money back when an airline owes them - without headaches or haggling," said Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. "Our new rule sets a new standard to require airlines to promptly provide cash refunds to their

According to the Department of Transportation, under the old rules, airlines were permitted to set their own standards for what kind of flight changes warranted a refund, which made receiving a refund for a canceled or delayed flight a complicated affair.

This was seen during the global technology outage in July that disrupted several major airlines and caused thousands of flight cancellations and delays. Many customers were left to wait hours in customer-service lines to start the reimbursement process for their chosen airline.

The new rule clearly defines the circumstances in which airlines must provide refunds and how they should be administered, making the reimbursement process much easier if your trip goes awry.

According to the Department of Transportation, this is when customers are entitled to a refund:

#### **Canceled or significantly** changed flights

If your flight is canceled or significantly changed and you do not accept alternative transportation or travel credits offered, you will be refunded. According to the Department of Transportation, significant changes to a flight include departure or arrival times that are more than three hours domestically and six hours internationally; departures or arrivals from a different airport; increases in the number of connections; instances where passengers are downgraded to a lower class of service; or connections at different airports or flights on different planes that are less accessible or accommodating to a person with a disability.

#### Significantly delayed baggage return

If you file a mishandled-baggage report, you will be entitled to a refund of your checked-bag fee if your luggage is not delivered within 12 hours of your domestic flight arriving at the gate or 15 to 30  $\,$ hours of your international flight arriving at the gate.

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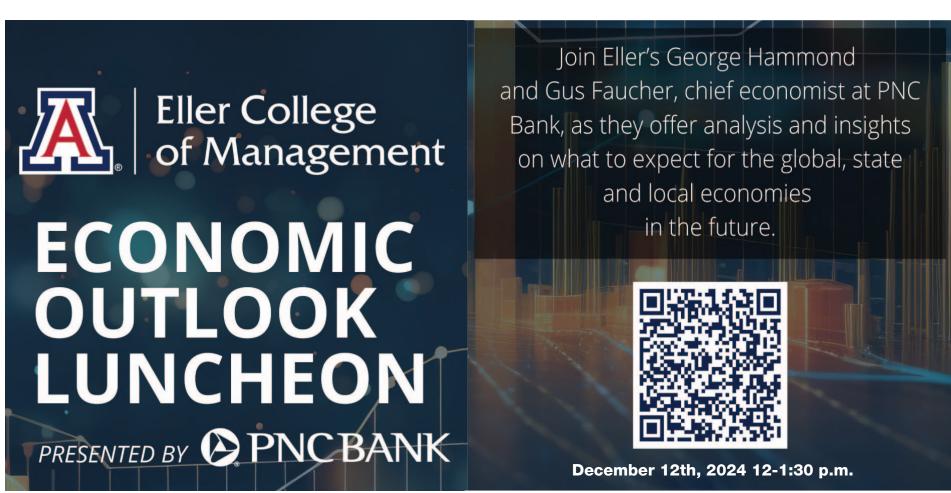
If you pay for an additional service, like in-flight Wi-Fi or a specific seat selection, and you don't receive this accommodation, you are entitled to a refund.

The Department of Transportation has also outlined several rules for how refunds will be processed:

- **Automatic:** Airlines must automatically issue refunds. Customers will no longer have to explicitly request a refund which can be a complicated affair.
- **Prompt:** Refunds must be issued within seven business days of refunds becoming due for credit-card purchases and 20 calendar days for other payment
- Cash or original form of payment: Airlines must provide refunds in cash or whatever original payment method the individual used to make the purchase.
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#### **SHOPPING**

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#### Highlights from Winfrey's annual list of holiday gift ideas

#### ANNA TINGLEY | Variety

f you've been struggling to come up with gift ideas this year, look no further: Oprah Winfrey, as always, has come to the rescue. As part of her annual tradition, she has released a comprehensive list of her Favorite Things of 2024, via Oprah Daily, and this year's edition includes gift ideas for foodies, techies, travelers and more.

**Oprah Winfrey** Here are a few of the best items from the list; check out all of her





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#### **DEAR CAR TALK:**

We recently had my parents' 2013 Honda Odyssey minivan in the shop for a state inspection.

It passed with flying colors but the shop recommended that my mom replace the timing belt and water pump because the car has close to 90,000 miles on it and it's 11 years old. The

for my 92-year-old dad but we only drive it for short (5-10 miles) trips once or twice a

The shop said if the timing belt breaks, it will ruin the engine. Replacement of the belt and pump is \$1,300. My busband says we should take our chances and save Mom's money.

What say you, Mighty Motor Guru? BTW, I know nothing about cars but really enjoy reading your column. -- Mimi

Thanks, Mimi. I know nothing about cars, either, but I enjoy writing it.

Your mechanic is correct here. You might save Mom \$1,300 now, but it might end up costing her \$8,000 if the belt breaks and it ruins the engine.

So even the most basic cost/benefit analysis will come down on the side of doing this particular repair.

Now, is it possible the timing belt will be fine for the next 25,000 miles? Yeah, it's possible. But the recommended replacement interval, I believe, is every 105,000 miles or every seven years. And you're near one of those and well past the other. So, you're taking a risk.

This Odyssey uses a common design called an "interference engine." It's a very fuel-efficient design, but it gains efficiency by allowing the open valves and the piston to share space in the cylinder. And it all works perfectly, as long they're not trying to share the

same space at the same time. What controls that? The timing belt. So, if the timing belt breaks or jumps,

the piston will come up to top dead

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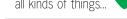
center and collide with whichever valves are open at that moment. And that's goodbye engine.

To change the timing belt, you have to remove everything that's blocking your access to the water pump. That's a lot of stuff. And since you're already paying the labor cost to have the water pump exposed, it's silly not to replace it at the same time. Especially since it's also got 90,000 miles on it.

If the van is otherwise in good shape, I'd tell Mom to bite the bullet and do the repair. If she just goes by mileage, driving 20 miles a week, she won't be due to change the timing belt again until the year 2125. So, tell her I recommend she do the repair now and











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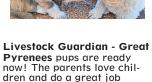
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#### Meru's no longer the newest, but still the baby

**GLORIA KNOTT** This Is Tucson

eru is no longer the newest member of Reid Park Zoo's elephant herd - but she is still the baby. In late October, the zoo welcomed Tsavo - a 16-year-old male elephant who moved to Tucson from Florida. He joined Reid Park Zoo's herd of all females, including Semba and her daughters 10-year-old Nandi, 4-year-old Penzi and 8-month-old Meru, along with allomother Lungile.

Tsavo's move was made on a recommendation from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' African Elephant Species Survival Plan, mimicking the natural behavior of male elephants to move between herds in the wild. The last time Reid Park Zoo, 3400 E. Zoo Court, was home to a male elephant was in 2022 when Mabu — the father of Nandi, Penzi and Meru – moved to the Fresno Chaffee Zoo.

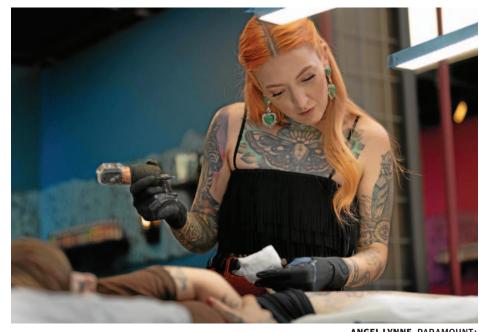
"Tsavo is amazing. He's so, so intelligent and very sweet," elephant care specialist Mara Eisenbarth says. "For elephants, because they are so big and powerful, we do

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Tsavo, pictured on the left, is the newest member of the elephant herd at Reid Park Zoo. Here, he meets Semba through a fence.

# Tucsonan competes on 'Ink Master'



**ANGEL LYNNE, PARAMOUNT+** 

#### PASCAL ALBRIGHT

Tucson tattoo artist Stephanie Heffron is making waves in the tattoo world as a contestant on "Ink Master" Season 16, bringing her bold, creative flair and mastery of ink to the TV competition.

With a reputation for blending artistic designs with vibrant colors and storytelling, Heffron is excited to prove she has what it takes to outlast the pressure and emerge as the ultimate champion of the iconic tattoo reality show.

Heffron was selected from thousands of applicants to compete against some of the best tattoo artists from across the country for a chance at \$250,000 and the title of "Ink Master." This season of "Ink Master," which can be watched on Paramount Plus, features a twist where the show pits "OGs" or artists with over a decade of tattooing experience against "Young Guns," in a series of challenging tattooing competitions designed to test

their skills and creativity. "I'm thrilled to represent Tucson," Hef-

fron said. "This is a huge opportunity, not just for me, but for all the talented artists here. I hope to make it far and inspire others to chase their dreams."

Heffron has 14 years of experience as a tattoo artist and has a background in painting, which helps her define her tattoo style.

"In color is where I shine. I get to bring out my painter's background and can translate that into tattoos," Heffron said. She also works best on realism, illustrative and neo-traditional tattoos.

Heffron has been tattooing in Tucson for the last four years and previously worked at 2512 Collective with renowned tattoo artist Anthony Michaels, who won season 7 of "Ink Master."

"I was able to work alongside such an amazing artist who had a lot of experience and learn so much from him," Heffron said. "It was remarkable bouncing ideas off of him and expanding my portfolio."

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#### **ASKING ERIC**

#### 'Kind' sister-in-law constantly bad-mouthing her husband

ear Eric: My sister-in-law but that you're concerned. is one of the kindest and most giving people I know. She volunteers at her church, at our local YMCA and at our golf club.



**THOMAS** 

However, my brother/her husband of 30-plus years is not a social guy, and this irritates her to no end. She will complain to anyone who'll listen about him. She recently started complain-

ing to me about other things he golf so she can have alone time, and his inability to find her choice of wine in Costco.

Recently, she wanted to force (her words) my brother to come over to my house and socialize during my daughter's charity tournament. I pushed back. My tone, I'm told, got testy.

She holds a grudge for a very long time. My brother recently backed out of a golf tournament as my partner because of this. I've apologized in an email and twice face to face. She will not look at me or speak to me at all.

I want them both in my life but don't know how to make things right. I felt I was sticking up for my brother. - *Bad Mouthing* Do-Gooder

Dear Do-Gooder: So much compassion for the world and yet so little for her husband. It's a real shame. Judging by your brother's response, he either doesn't see her complaints as a big deal (another shame), or their relationship has a toxicity that could suggest emotional abuse. This is cause for concern.

At present, your brother has made it clear that he doesn't want you standing up for him. What are other ways that you can support? Try to have a oneon-one conversation with him letting him know that you see and understand that boundary,

And, going forward, should you find yourself in conversation with his wife, you can and should also let her know that you have a boundary too: No complaints about my brother.

Dear Eric: A year and a half ago, my husband started receiving confusing emails referencing benefits applications that he had not applied for and email newsletters he had not signed up for. At first, we chalked it up to someone with the same name having momentary confusion about their own email address.

In the months that followed, it does, such as not playing enough has escalated to periodic flurries of messages not intended for him, like a dozen job application confirmations and requests for legal support confirmations.

> We don't know the email address these are intended for, or we'd forward the messages.

Recently, my husband received one such mistaken email that included the other contact information of this person. Should we call the phone number indicated to alert this person of the longtime email confusion? Should we instead send a letter that is kindly but intentionally worded and can't be traced back to us should this somehow be an issue for the person at the other end? Or is this some kind of elaborate scam? — Cautious Detectives

**Dear Detectives:** This seems very involved for a phishing scam, which are internet-based ruses to get secure information. A letter seems to be the best course of action, since you still don't know the correct email address.

Because phishing scams often begin with a message telling the victim that their private information has been compromised, if you were to call this person out of the blue, you might seem like the scammers.

Send questions to R. Eric Thomas at eric@askingeric.com.

#### **ROYAL STARS** | GEORGIA NICOLS

#### Nov. 17, 2024:

You're vibrant. You project a personality of strength. You're warmhearted and in control of your life. This is the final year of a nine-year cycle, which means it's time to take inventory and let go of people, places and things from the past that held you back.

The stars show the kind of day vou'll have: 5-Dynamic: 4-Positive: 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**★★★★** You feel healthy and upbeat today! Because you have such a positive take on life today, you will find it easy to be generous and supportive to others. Physical sports and competitive athletics will appeal to you. Relations with authority figures are cozy. Tonight:

#### This week: Travel and learn.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **★★★** This is a good day for financial negotiations. You feel optimistic about what is possible. This is good,

because you are the financial wizard of the zodiac. Look for ways to boost income. Tonight: Save your money.

#### boosting your wealth.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** ★★★★★ Today the moon is in your sign lined up with lucky Jupiter, which makes you feel confident and hopeful about your world. You'll be concerned about the welfare of others and want to help someone individually or through a charitable organization. Tonight: Rest.

This week: Get more sleep. Focus because gifts, goodies and favors on close relationships.

#### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Make plans to socialize! Enjoy fun outings, sports events and

Happy Birthday for Sunday, exciting activities with children. is aroused, and you're all charm! To-Relations with partners and close friends will also be warm and supportive. Tonight: Solitude.

> This week: High energy! Work; be productive.

#### **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

**★★★★** Home and family are where it's at today. You might want to entertain at home, because friendships are appealing. Especially if you work with someone to improve the welfare of others. Tonight: Be helpful.

This week: Play! Enjoy sports, the charge your batteries! arts and fun times.

#### **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

★★★★ You make a fabulous impression on others today, especially bosses, parents and VIPs. You look successful! But more than that, you are genuinely concerned about the welfare of others, which will impress people. It's a great day for a short trip. Family discussions and home repairs are likely. Tonight: Show

This week: Home, family and children.

#### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Do something different This week: Focus on finances and today! You want a change of scenery and a little adventure. Competitive sports and physical athletics will also appeal to you. Take a short trip if you can. You also might enjoy fixing up your digs and entertaining at home. Tonight: Explore.

This week: Short trips. Study and learn. Schmooze!

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **★★★★** You're feeling flush today,

might come your way. You can definitely benefit from inheritances and the welfare or resources of others at this time. Personally, your ambition

night: An early night.

This week: Look for ways to boost

#### your wealth. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

**★★★** Contradictory influences are at play for your sign today. In one way, you want to schmooze and talk to others. (Indeed, relations with partners and close friends will be positive and upbeat!) Nevertheless, you want to hide and be on your own. Tonight: Be clear.

This week: It's your turn to re-

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**★★★** Although this is a popular day for you, and you are especially charming and diplomatic with everyone you meet, work-related travel is likely for many. Join forces with others to get things done, because teamwork is your motto today. Tonight: Get rest.

This week: Seek privacy. Be patient with others.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**★★★★** Make time today to socialize with others. Enjoy fun outings! Slip away on a vacation. Sports events and activities with kids will delight you. This is also a day full of romantic promise, especially because you look good to everyone right now. Tonight: Early bedtime.

This week: Be friendly. Join groups and organizations.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Many options are open to you today. Certainly, travel and a chance to do something different will be appealing. However, this is also a wonderful day to enjoy group settings and family get-togethers. Tonight: Tender romance.

This week: You impress everyone! King Features Syndicate

#### **TODAY IN HISTORY**

#### Today's highlight

On Nov. 17, 1968, the last minutes of a tense NFL matchup on NBC between the New York Jets and the Oakland Raiders were preempted by the made-for-TV film "Heidi." The network received thousands of calls from angry viewers and formally apologized.

#### Also on this date

in Washington, D.C.

In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon told a gathering of Associated Press managing editors at a televised news conference in Orlando. Florida: "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook."

In 1989, an estimated 10,000-In 1800, Congress held its first 15,000 Czechoslovakian students session in the U.S. Capitol building demonstrated in Prague against

Communist rule; hundreds of thousands joined the protests in the following days. Dubbed the "Velvet Revolution" for its nonviolent nature, the protests led to the resignation of the Communist Party's leadership on Nov. 28.

In 1997, 62 people, most of them foreign tourists, were killed when militants opened fire at the Temple of Hatshepsut in Luxor, Egypt; the attackers were killed by police.

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## Local librarian discusses book censorship

CHINYERE OLUMBA

Special to the Arizona Daily Star

y life has come full circle as it has brought me back to the world of books.

As a small child, it was fun and invigorating, especially when making my book selections, which my mom never banned me from choosing.

Selecting books as a child turned into a job as a student library assistant while attending high school. Eventually, life moved on with college and different jobs, but I found my way back to my first love, this time as a librarian — a gatekeeper of books and a fighter for literacy and justice for all. I guess you can say it's in my DNA.

My first encounter with book censorship happened as I was making a display for Banned Books Week. A customer came to the circulation desk and demanded that the books be taken off display because they were not appropriate for children. I asked her why she found them inap-

The customer replied, "These books are inappropriate for children because of the content." I was reminded of my favorite quote from author Ida B. Wells: "One had better die fighting against injustice than to die like a dog or a rat in a trap."

I replied, "Thank you for your opinion. We are a public library and we do not censor books."

The customer slammed the books on the counter right before leaving.



PIMA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Chinyere Olumba has worked for Pima County Public Library since May 2023.

Why does anyone want to censor books? They are education, they are an escape, they are enjoyment, yet book censorship has always been part of human history. But how exactly did the practice of book banning begin?

My definition of book censorship is the suppression of ideas and information within books that are judged to be inappropriate or dangerous for public access or use. Book censorship, according to Wikipedia, "is the removal, suppression or re-

stricted circulation of literary, artistic or educational material of images, ideas and information — on the grounds that these are morally or otherwise objectionable in the light of standards applied by the censor."

Book censorship dates to the Chinese Emperor Shi Huang Ti who is believed to have burned all books except one copy of each for his library so that he could start history with him. Book censorship in the United States dates to the 1600s when a book

burning was held by the Puritan Government in the criticization of the pamphlet, "The Meritorious Price of Our Redemption" by William Pynchon.

A step in the wrong direction, book censorship restricts our ideas and the information that is available to us. It takes away our intellectual freedom and the right to find and receive information from all points of view without any limitation. Not having free access to all ideas cripples our very existence.

According to the American Library Association, the importance of intellectual freedom is in the encompassment of the "freedom to hold, receive and disseminate ideas." Our intellectual freedom is guaranteed through the United States Constitution under the First Amendment and the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. These are the frameworks that allow us to make the decisions and choices that govern our everyday lives and our everyday choices for books. The Supreme Court has often validated our rights.

At one point in history, the Supreme Court had to consider whether a local school board violated the Constitution by removing books from a school library. It held that "the right to receive ideas is a necessary predicate to the recipient's meaningful exercise of his own rights of speech, press and political freedom."

Let us keep up the fight. The right to read is tied to our intellectual freedom and the need to make choices that will effectively lead us. Censorship hurts us by suppressing ideas and information. Suppressing ideas today will help suppress ideas tomorrow.

Chinyere Olumba has worked for Pima County Public Library since May 2023. She currently manages Woods Memorial Library. In her spare time, she enjoys baking, traveling and painting.

#### Meru

have to make sure we set up (introductions) in a really safe way. We do a lot of work ahead of time to get them introduced to each other through a barrier first."

Introductions are done through extensive communication between keepers and veterinarians, allowing staff to prep themselves for any possible scenario.

When the herd first met Tsavo, it was between two barriers - they couldn't touch each other, but they could see each other. When Tsavo settled in, keepers removed one of the barriers, allowing the herd to touch their new member. The zoo calls this a "howdy."

"We did that one at a time and in groups, so it wasn't oversays. "If they're comfy with how Meru was just thinking it's a new quickly or slowly we're moving, we take that into account to make sure the next few steps are comfortable for everybody."

Lungile and Tsavo have since spent time together without the barriers, though keepers aren't pushing the duration of their hangout time.

relationship and it's looking really good for far. They have a lot of positive interactions," Eisenbarth says. "During the day, you might herd, Meru has made lots of trainsee him and Lungile on one side ing progress in the last month. and the rest of the herd on another side — they can still interact, but safely. He's more comfortable in the far yard at the moment, so for now we are focusing our efforts on the social aspect and as he gets more comfortable, we'll move him over and try to see if he's com-(closer to the public)."

If you know anything about 750-pound baby Meru, who was born at Reid Park Zoo on March 8, it's that she's brave and the opposite of shv.

Semba, so we had to do that howdy through the fence line with



**REID PARK ZOO** 

At eight months old, Meru loves grapes and pears.

whelming for him," Eisenbarth that this was somebody new, but but not pumpkin.

Tsavo has never been around an elephant as small as Meru, so he was cautious – so much so that he accidentally touched her with his trunk when trying to sniff her, causing him to retract quickly.

"Meru is interested in him, but she isn't trying to bother him too "We really want to build up the much — she learned from Penzi when too much is too much," Eisenbarth says.

Beyond the new addition to the it," Eisenbarth says. Training sessions at Reid Park Zoo are voluntary for the elephants and done through positive reinforcement. Training sessions allow keepers to monitor the health and well-being of the elephants.

"Her attention span has increased pretty dramatically and fortable exploring the other yard she is really focused on learning new things," Eisenbarth says.

trunk back, which allows keepers she sleeps hard." to check her mouth. It's a skill she picked up quickly — whenever she sees that shiny bucket filled with "Meru is a package deal with treats, she'll show off her new expertise.

Meru still loves grapes and she just Semba and Meru," Eisenbarth recently added pears to her list of city with readers

says. "Meru is very curious and favorites. But the fruits have to be bold and confident in herself and cut into small pieces - not too she just walked right up to say hi. large and certainly not pureed. Semba was a little more aware She's also a fan of sweet potato,

Just as she was during her first month, 8-month-old Meru is still as playful as ever. She loves climbing on logs and has recently been obsessed with a boomer ball that is mostly in the habitat just for her. The indestructible ball made for animal enrichment is small enough for the other elephants to step over - but tiny Meru has to climb onto it.

"She absolutely loves climbing on it and resting with her belly on

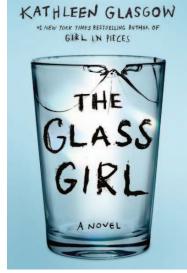
Like our furry four-legged friends at home, elephants also get the zoomies - especially when it's rainy and cloudy. On a recent overcast day, the girls all had the zoomies together, running through the mud and rain.

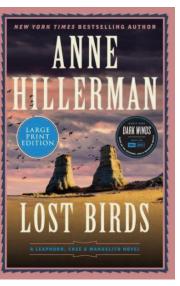
"Several times, the mud caused a slip n' slide for Meru, but she didn't care. She was just flipping and flopping around everywhere," Eisenbarth says. "I think I've said She recently learned to put her this before, but she plays hard and

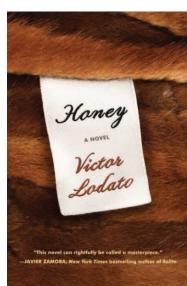
> Gloria was born and raised in Tucson and is a 2018 University of Arizona grad. From wildflowers to wildlife, she loves all things Tucson and hopes to share her love of the

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#### **Ink Master**

From E1

Working alongside other talented artists and taking in their feedback has prepared her for being on "Ink Master." She also credited watching the show over the years as a major tool that has helped her grow as an artist and competitor.

"I feel so honored to be on 'Ink Master' season 16. I've looked up to the show and the artists over the years and really valued what the judges say and I've even applied their feedback to the tattoos that I do and have done, even before I was on the show," Heffron said.

Heffron stressed the importance of always listening to feedback from other artists and professionals and credits that to her



ANGEL LYNNE/PARAMOUNT+

Stephanie Heffron in Ink Master, episode 3, season 16, streaming on Paramount+, 2024.

success and ability to continue to ant thing for artists to take away

from the show, absorbing all the "I think that's a really import - critique - all the bad, all the

good and how you can implement tion and expand her skills in evthat into your work, into your designs," Heffron said.

Heffron will compete as an "OG" on this season of "Ink Master" and as the show progresses, fans can expect to see Heffron tackle a variety of tattooing styles and techniques, pushing her artistic boundaries while also showcasing her sig-

nature flair. "It's so cool to be part of a season where they've never done anything like this before," Heffron said, referring to pitting "OGs" vs. "Young Guns" as the show's theme this season. "It's so cool that there's a father and son competing against each other at the same time this season," she

Heffron said she is most excited to compete alongside other talented artists in this competi-

ery challenge that is presented to her.

"I feel like I stayed strong through the entire season," Heffron said. "I wanna say thankyou to all my clients I've been able to tattoo in Tucson and throughout my career, because every single tattoo that I've done has helped me be able to build my skillset to make it to where I am today and be on the show."

"Ink Master" season 16 premiered on Oct. 23 on Paramount Plus and new episodes drop Wednesdays. Fans can tune in to see how Heffron navigates the challenges of the competition and represents Tucson on a national stage.

For updates on Heffron's journey and behind-the-scenes content, follow her on Instagram @ stephanieheffrontattoos.

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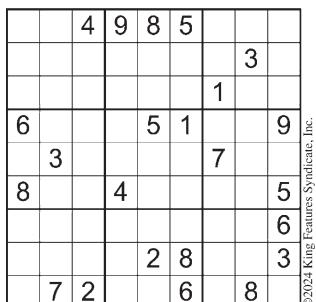
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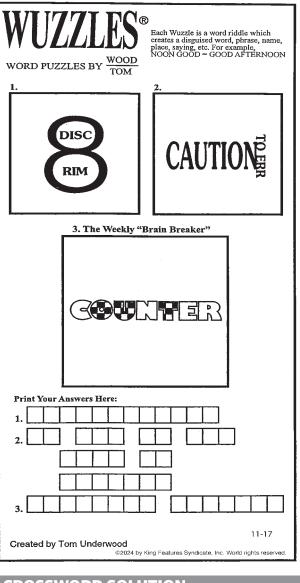
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**ear Heloise:** After buying expensive Christmas gifts for our 13 grandchil-



They all **HELOISE** came from families who bought them whatever they wanted and needed. We now have them pick a charity (a different one each year), and we donate

names. On Christmas Eve, they each tell us about their charity and why they picked it. They love it, and it's a win-win for everyone! - S.M.T., in St. Louis

to those charities in their

#### Shopping spree **Dear Heloise:** My

uncle cared for his mentally handicapped sister (my aunt). He took her shopping and routinely returned much of what they bought. She was entertained, though, and he managed well enough. He just had to make sure to shop at stores that take returns and give refunds. - A.G., via email

#### **How to repel moths**

**Dear Heloise:** Instead of using mothballs to repel moths when storing clothes, scatter a generous tablespoon of ground black pepper across the bottom of the clothing bag. -O.J., in Rockford, Michigan

#### Difficult packaging Dear Heloise: As we

baby boomers become senior citizens, we find ourselves increasingly struggling with all kinds of packaging. I routinely have

to get out my X-Acto knife to open products encased in impenetrable, heavy plastic that is backed by stiff cardboard.

Push-and-turn and squeeze-and-turn caps on everything, from overthe-counter medicines to toilet cleaners, have become very challenging to remove. And the stiff plastic seals around some of these caps have broken many a thumbnail.

Sharp scissors are a must, and yes, I have stabbed my hand on occasion while using them. I once had to take a hammer to smash the cap of a bottle of eye drops. Fortunately, I still had an old bottle and was able to use its lid. (Also, speaking of eye drops, the round bottles are much harder to squeeze drops out of than

the oblong bottles.) I understand the safety precautions involved with today's packaging, but I think we may have gone overboard. A plastic seal around a push-and-turn cap, plus a thick seal on the inside that requires a knife to penetrate, is a bit much.

I can't be the only senior with reduced hand strength because of arthritis, who spends way too much time just trying to get into and use the things I buy. I am so grateful that I can at least request non-senior-proof caps on my prescriptions.

I have loved and learned so much from reading "Hints from Heloise" over the many years in the Mansfield News Journal. − J.N., in Ohio

Send a money-saving or time-saving hint to Heloise@ Heloise.com.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT**



'Carl the Collector' opens creator Zachariah OHora to new worlds

BRUCE R. MILLER | Sioux City Journal

here is no roadmap to get into the worlds of animation and book publishing, according to artist Zachariah OHora.

A fan of comics and children's picture books, he decided in high school to follow the path. But what path? Little by little, OHora picked up pointers.

"You need an agent to get into it," he says. "Or you

need a book deal to get an agent. Which comes first? It took many years of rejections and doing things wrong until I finally landed something correct."

Simple characters led to illustrations and, finally, that book deal. While OHora considers himself an artist first, he's also a writer.

"I got forced into the writing, to be honest," OHara says. "I was trying to present myself as an illustrator for other people's stuff, (and advisers said) get more control over everything. If you can write, you

"Carl the Collector" helps children learn about the differences they share. Carl, for example, has autism.

splitting it."

"Wolfie the Bunny" got OHora on the
New York Times Best Seller List. "My Cousin Mom," "No
Fits, Nilson," "The Not So Quiet Library" and "Niblet &
Ralph" helped establish his style.

The next step: animation. It took OHora nine years to develop a character into a PBS Kids show.

The winner: Carl the Collector, a raccoon who just happens to have autism.

"PBS Kids is always looking at ways to represent our audience," says Adriano Schmid, vice president for PBS Kids content. "We have seen throughout the years how autistic kids or young teenagers were always champions of the content. So, it was a great opportunity for us to work with someone like Zach to create a character that could speak to that."

OHora hit on the idea after his sons were entering school.

"I had a lightbulb moment with inclusion schools, having everybody — neurodiverse kids and neurotypical kids — together in the same classroom," OHara said. "It was obvious that it benefited everybody. I saw my sons treated those kids just like anybody else's friends, and it was like a beautiful moment. More exposure to the whole spectrum of humanity is going to be better for everybody."

In the series, called "Carl the Collector," the raccoon deals with a host of situations. His friends help him with his desire to collect and

have fun in the process.

The PBS Kids series uses OHora's

The PBS Kids series uses OHora's short-line style to create the fur on the animals.

"It comes from my printmaking background," he explains. "I used to do a lot of woodcuts, and you'd leave those lines. I found drawing them a really relaxing thing to do."

Through his company, Fuzzytown, OHora has shown animators and others how to re-create his style. In turn, they teach him about putting his characters into a moving world.

"I draw my characters in a three-quarter view, so we did have to figure out how much their noses would stick out and what kind of angles you'd see," OHara said.

While launching "Carl the Collector," OHara has learned plenty about television, the gaming world and the digital realm. A new map, you might say.

"You do a lot of bad drawings to get one good one," OHora says.

When creating characters or situations, he starts with encil and paper, then moves on to computers.

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"There isn't a room full of paper," he says, "and you

don't have a giant pile of garbage."

Carl, he adds, can trace his origins back to Charles Schulz's "Peanuts" comic strip. OHora's grandmother introduced him to the comic and the TV specials.

"She introduced us to Richard Scarry's Busy Town stories, too," he says. "She was a like a second mom figure" and encouraged his drawing.

"I moved around as a kid — different apartments, different schools," OHara says. "Once when I was in fourth grade, kids saw what I had done, and they wanted me to draw on their books. I realized that it was sort of a way to be seen and recognized."

And now? He's able to reach an even wider audience — one that could learn something about inclusion and find his works just as inspirational as Schulz's.

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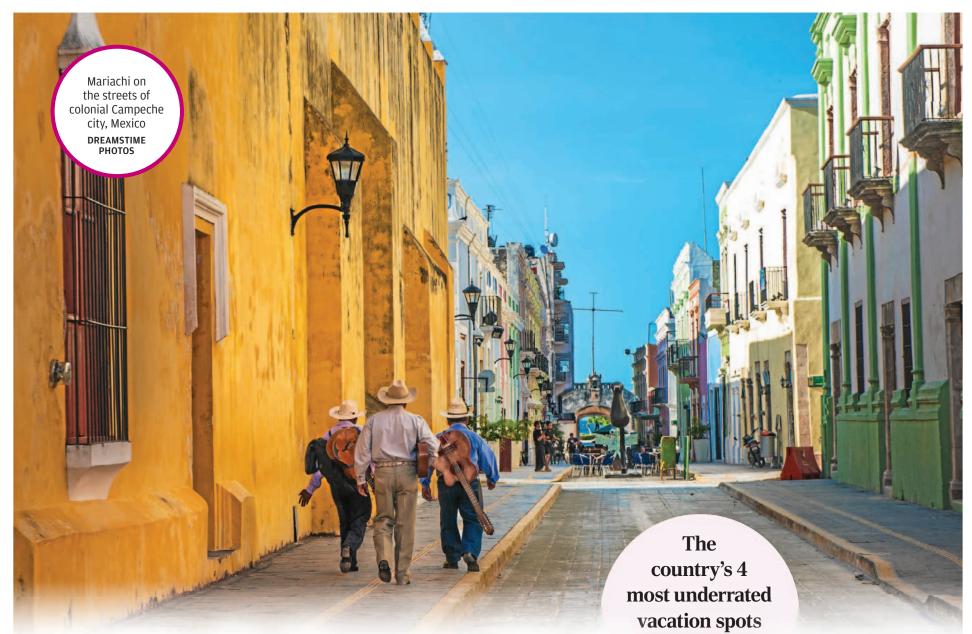
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#### **TRAVEL**



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**GINA HAMADEY | Bloomberg News** 

en million visitors came through Cancun in 2023, representing 1 in 4 tourists to Mexico that year. For a country three times the size of Texas, rich with culture, art and nature, the figure is a perfect encapsulation of the problem with overtourism: people descending on one or two main points while dozens of splendid places remain largely under the radar. Here are four spots that feel like a secret worth keeping.

#### The seaside secret

After a decade of government spending restored and repainted many of its colonial downtown facades and imposing fortified walls, Campeche is ready for its close-up. Making access easier is the new, \$28.5 billion Maya Train, which stops right in the center of town, depositing travelers who've made the 300-mile, six-hour trip from Cancun to Campeche.

As it stands, most of the seaside capital's tourists are "experienced travelers from Europe," says Sebastien Larmier, who owns and runs Narrativ, a collection of high-end rentals in town. "But more people are coming in from the U.S. and Canada. It's a new phenom-

Make one of Narrativ's luxury houses such as Casa Japa, a four-bedroom 18th-century manor that opened in 2023 - your home base for explorations around the city, including its 4-mile Malecon (boardwalk), which hugs the coast and offers the best sunset views in town. Or try Hacienda Puerta Campeche, a grande dame hotel recently taken over by Six Senses Re-

sorts & Spas. The town itself is the main attraction, with excellent restaurants including La Maria Cocina Peninsular or La Casa de los Murmullos; the latter serves seven-course French-Mayan fusion dinners. But you can also use Campeche as a launch pad for day trips to lesser-visited Mayan ruins such as Edzna, which contains 10 square miles of well-preserved pyramids and palaces, or boat trips through the nearby tarpon-filled mangroves of Los Petenes.

#### A magical Tulum alternative

Tiny Bacalar has been a rising star since the Mexican government listed it as one of Mexico's Pueblos Magicos, or Magic Towns, in 2006 - a designation that recognizes spectacular features such as its namesake Lagoon of Seven Colors. In 2021 it received its first luxury eco-resort, an adults-only outpost of Habitas that surveys the brilliantly hued Lake Bacalar from its A-frame tented cabins. But it's now, in 2024, that the town is becoming easier to visit, thanks to the new airport in Tulum that halves the nearly five-hour drive south from Cancun.

Get to Bacalar's cenotes and jungles before the town becomes as popular as its northern neighbors. The local swimming holes are some of the biggest in Mexico; they're more like small lakes than the caves you'll find farther up the riviera, with Cenote de la Bruja – the

Witch's Cenote - being a favorite for its deep midnight-blue waters.

Habitas is a destination unto itself, too. There are special dinners honoring the full moon, a DJ on weekends, temazcal (sweat lodge) ceremonies and cacao rituals that involve hot chocolate and meditation (a hard combo to argue with) in a nod to the area's Mayan roots. Don't miss dinner at Siete, the resort's two-story restaurant built among the treetops of the jungle. Executive chef Jonathan Navarrete – who trained at NOMA Tulum and Barcelona's Estimar uses local ingredients to create delicacies such as slow-cooked pork with pineapple puree.

#### **Another side of Baja**

The party capital of Baja California Sur has always been Los Cabos, hands down — but the actual capital, La Paz, flies under the radar. For years it's been seen as up-and-coming, yet it's never fully arrived in terms of tourism. Perhaps that's by design.

While Los Cabos, on the very tip of Baja California, teems with giant resorts and cruise ships, La Paz opted not to expand its port, preventing cruise ships from docking there. But new restaurants and bars are opening: Pujol's former chef de cuisine Alejandro Villagomez is cooking at his first solo spot, Nemi, where he's using local produce and seafood to make beautifully composed plates. Sunrise/Sunset is a new juice bar that focuses on natural wines once afternoon and evening roll around. And Toto Frito (the name means "everything's fried") has developed quite the following for its sustainably sourced oyster po'boys and fish tacos - all served in a no-plastic-allowed dining room.

There is also now a great place to stay, courtesy of Mexico City-based Grupo Habita, which in 2021 opened the fivestory Baja Club Hotel. Its 32 earthy rooms have access to a Miami-chic pool and rooftop bar with Sea of Cortez views.

#### The San Miguel swap

If ultramodern Mexico City is the obvious choice for an urbanite south of the border, San Miguel de Allende is its artsy, historic pairing: a colonial city just south of the capital, with character and crowds to spare. For similar charms with less notoriety, try Puebla. It's actually closer to the capital -80 miles on smooth highways instead of 170. It's also bigger (it's the fourth-largest city in Mexico), yet it still feels less crowded with tourists and absolutely bursting







There are fresh reasons to go, including a burgeoning wine scene that benefits from wide swaths of fertile ground around the Popocatépetl volcano, some 40 miles west of the city limits.

That same soil is what lends poblano chiles — traditionally from Puebla the peppery flavor that characterizes the most famous local dish, chiles en nogada, says Zach Rabinor, founder of the luxury travel outfit Journey Mexico.

"There is excitement and hope that the same unique soil that makes Puebla's chiles so special will also contribute to unique and excellent wine," he says. Ironically, one of the city's oldest features - a series of 500-year-old secret tunnels - is also among its newest attractions after being discovered in 2016. Guests of the Banyan Tree Puebla hotel have prime access, as one tunnel leads straight to its garden.



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**Sign up to foster:** Stop by the shelter in person. For details, visit pima.gov/foster.

Kevin

**ID No.:** A806695

Age: 3 years

**Story:** Kevin is a certified goofball who is full of energy and so much love. He recently returned from a foster vacation where he was said to be housebroken, crate-trained and good with kids. He especially enjoyed sleeping in armchairs. Kevin is a true staff and volunteer favorite at PACC.

Fee: \$0 adoption fee

Melanie

ID No.: A852891

Age: 6 years

**Story:** This little gal may be missing an eye, but she's certainly not lacking in personality. Melanie just returned to PACC from a brief foster break where she was scared at first but blossomed once she was comfortable. She is potty trained and friendly with big and small pups. Her foster said, "She is so loving and ready for her human."

Fee: \$0 adoption fee

Toby

ID No.: A746576

Age: 8 years

Story: Sweet Toby's former family said that he is a couch potato who is housebroken, crate-trained and affectionate. At PACC, Toby has been easygoing and always ready for some pets. Toby is a wonderful pup who would make an amazing addition to a family looking to spoil a senior in his golden years.

Fee: \$0 adoption fee

#### Pets for adoption at other rescue groups Sebastian

Age: 5 years

**Story:** Sebastian is as low maintenance as they come, perfectly content to lounge nearby while keeping a watchful eye on his favorite humans. Sebastian is gentle and affectionate, making him the ideal companion for anyone who appreciates a relaxed, loyal cat. If you're looking for a calm, steady friend, Sebastian is ready to find his forever home and settle

**Fee:** \$100, neutered, microchipped and up to date on vaccinations. Approved adoption application required.

Contact: Rescue Me Tucson/Marana, 6401 Marana Center Blvd., #902, 520-261-1616

Hours: Noon-5 p.m. daily, Tucson Premium Outlet Mall (across from Old Navy)

#### Luigi

Age: 1 year

**Story:** Meet Luigi, a lowrider cattle dog mix with the heart of a giant in a compact, 35-pound package. With his short legs and big personality, Luigi's got the charm to win over any crowd. He's smart, spunky and has a bit of a herding instinct, so he's happiest when he's got a job to do or a friend to play with. Whether it's fetch, hiking or cozying up for some quality time, Luigi is your loyal adventure buddy and cuddle pro all in

Fee: \$200, neutered, microchipped and up to date on vaccinations. Approved adoption application required.

**Contact:** Rescue Me Tucson/Marana

#### **Braxton**

Age: 21/2 years

Story: Braxton is a terrier mix with energy and personality. Weighing in at 21 pounds, this scruffy charmer is equal parts playful and loyal. He loves a good sprint around the yard and walks well on a leash, making him the perfect companion for anyone who loves outdoor adventures. Braxton's a friendly guy but likes to pick his true-blue friends wisely. With a bit of structure and routine, he's all about being your partner in crime and dedicated sidekick.

Fee: \$200, neutered, microchipped and up to date on vaccinations. Approved adoption application required.

**Contact:** Rescue Me Tucson/Marana

#### **Bilby**

Age: 1 year

**Story:** Bilby is a sweetie, from the tip of his adorable pink nose to the end of his tail. He's a little shy at first but warms up fast. He also gets along with other kitties and is pretty chill for only being a year old. Bilby would love to celebrate Thanksgiving with his own humans. Fill out an adoption application at shelterluv.com/matchme/adopt/ HERM/Cat.

Fee: \$80

Contact: The Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter &

Sanctuary, 5278 E. 21st St.

Meet: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Satur-

#### Madelyn

Age: 2 years

**Story:** Madelyn arrived at Hermitage when her person became terminally ill. Though she has settled in at the shelter, Madelyn is ready to find her new home. She's a sweet girl but can be a little bossy to other kitties (she doesn't hate them; she just pushes them around sometimes). She also has a chronically watery eye. Fill out an adoption application at shelterluv.com/matchme/adopt/HERM/Cat.

**Fee:** \$80

Contact: The Hermitage No-Kill Cat Shelter & Sanctuary

#### **Daisy**

Age: adult

**Story:** Daisy is a beauty, but there is so much more to her than meets the eye. The volunteers say she is exceptionally sweet and just as smart. Daisy adores attention, loves being petted, and will even tilt her head to meet a kiss halfway. Some of her favorite things include soaking up the sun, being brushed, enjoying treats and catnip, playing with wand toys, bird-watching, and admiring whiskers on kittens

**Fee:** \$75. Adoption qualifications required. Includes microchip, neutering and current

Contact: Paws Patrol, Green Valley, 520-207-4024, greenvalleypawspatrol.org

**Meet:** Call for an appointment

#### Leonard

Age: kitten

Story: Leonard is a sweet, loyal and sometimes wise-beyond-his-years kitten. Naturally curious and always ready for adventure, Leonard's favorite toys include little play mice and anything that lets him show off his hunting skills, proudly carrying his "captured prey" around the house like a mini tiger. Chasing and wrestling with his siblings is one of his greatest joys, often followed by a cozy snuggle session with them or his foster mom for a well-deserved nap.

**Fee:** \$75. Adoption qualifications required. Includes microchip, neutering and current

Contact: Paws Patrol, Green Valley

#### Thomas

Age: 2 years

Story: Thomas is a friendly guy who likes to play, will meow for meals and do tricks for treats. He likes to be brushed and will come when you call his name. He may need a special diet due to urinary issues and would prefer to be your only cat. Call to arrange a meeting with Thomas.

Fee: \$75, includes neuter, shots and microchip

Contact: The Animal League of Green Valley, 1600 W. Duval Mine Road, Green Valley, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. daily, 520-625-3170 or talgv.org

#### **Sport**

Age: 2 years

**Story:** Sport is an energetic German shorthaired pointer who is friendly and social with people and other dogs. He is smart and eager to learn new things. He loves attention and would love to play fetch, go walking or running with you, or just be your buddy. Call to arrange a meeting with Sport.

Fee: \$125, includes neuter, shots and micro-

Contact: The Animal League of Green Valley

#### **Boba Fet**

**ID No.:** 939385

Age: 6 years

Story: This spirited Alaskan malamute has a heart as big as his fluffy paws. Together with his best friend Una, Boba Fet is searching for a loving home where they can both feel safe and loved. He's a true charmer with a love for belly rubs and a knack for being the center of attention. With his playful personality and boundless loyalty, Boba Fet promises a life filled with love, laughter and companionship.

Fee: \$60

Contact: Humane Society of Southern Arizona, 520-327-6088, ext. 173, email adoptions@hssaz.org or head to the HSSA main campus, 635 W. Roger Road

#### Una

**ID No.:** 939386 Age: 11/2 years

Story: Una is a husky mix with a heart full of

love, seeking a forever home with her loyal buddy, Boba Fet. While Una might seem a bit shy and cautious in new surroundings, she quickly blossoms with a little patience and plenty of tasty treats. Her gentle and reserved nature would make her happiest in a calm, quiet home without the excitement of young children.

Fee: \$60

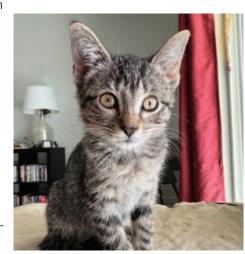
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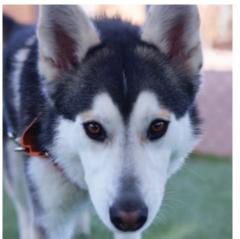
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#### **ROSIE ON THE HOUSE**

#### DIY home updates to do before the holidays

We have company coming for the holidays. My plans to have the house ready fell through. What are some things I can do to have things in good shape for company?



A: You will be amazed at how easy it is to give your home a holiday update. Here are a few suggestions to get you ready for your

guests: ■ Update old metal hardware on doors, windows and cabinets.

It may seem obvious, but this is a great fix for bathrooms and kitchens. Maybe you're living in a 20-year-old house that still has the original builder's polished brass hardware. Maybe you yearn to try brushed nickel, oiled bronze or champagne gold instead. This job can speed up with the aid of a power drill. Don't worry if every metal object in the room doesn't have the same finish. Mixing metals isn't a DIY faux pas.

■ Junk those yellowing plastic electric outlet covers and switch plates.

This update can be an easy fix for any room or maybe all of them. You can also replace the register covers, too. For safety's sake, be sure to turn off the power to the room before you unscrew anything. If you want to replace the switches, too, like installing a dimmer, the job will be more complicated; maybe it's time to call an electrician.

■ Paint the baseboards in one room or all of them.

If baseboards have just a few scuffs, repaint the dirty spots. With big messes, you may decide to repaint all baseboards. Use two coats of semi-gloss or satin-finish paint so baseboards will be easier to clean later. First, sand the baseboards. Then, vacuum and wipe them with a wet cloth to remove the dust. Use painter's



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Cleaning your oven is one home improvement update you can do before the holidays.

tape and a drop cloth to protect the floor; the same tape can be used on the wall above the baseboard to protect it from paint.

■ Clean the tile grout. Daily doses of oil, grease and soapy water can make that cement-based grout look ugly.

To start, use mild cleaning products like warm water mixed with a few drops of dish soap while scrubbing with a stiff toothbrush. Rinse well with clean water and allow the area to dry thoroughly. If dish soap doesn't work, try a half-and-half solution of vinegar and warm water or a paste of baking soda and water. Rinse again and dry thoroughly.

Important warning: Bleachbased and commercial cleaners can mar your tiles' finish. And if you have natural stone tiles like granite or travertine, use only the very mildest cleaners on those grout lines, nothing acidic like

After the area's dry, you can seal grout to prevent mold, mildew and bacteria in cleaned grout lines. You should only seal cement-based grout, but it's easy to do with a grout sealer that comes with a brush-tipped applicator. Read the manufacturer's instructions and then apply sealer to small areas at a time. Use a dry, clean rag or paper towels to wipe



Adding path lights can make your home look more inviting.

off the excess sealer. Allow it to dry again, and then apply a second coat. Test the surface with a few drops of water. Liquid should bead up into droplets. If not, apply a third coat.

■ Clean the oven.

Is a year's worth of crusty food burned on the inside of your oven? Caked and burned food can smoke and create unpleasant odors in the kitchen and dining

Of course, you can run the self-cleaning function on your oven if you have one. But if you don't have one or if you don't like the wear and tear on your oven, you might want to spray on and wipe off a chemical cleaning product. These can be very corrosive, however.

If you prefer a "greener" option, wash the oven racks in a sink full of hot water and vinegar. Let them sit in the water for a while. Meanwhile, mix baking soda with water and spread the paste over the surfaces of the oven. You might have to let that mixture sit overnight before wiping it down and rinsing it off. Spraying vinegar on the mixture can help, too. Be sure to clean out the microwave and outdoor barbecue as

well before your party.

■ Add path lights leading to the front door.

These lights can make your home look more inviting for family and friends, and they're a good safety measure.

This simple do-it-yourself project can probably be done in a few hours, along with time for a trip to the hardware store. First, measure the area you want to cover and estimate how many lights you need. You will be taking a sketch and measurements to the store.

You will power up these lights by using an outdoor GFCI or ground fault circuit interrupter outlet. There are probably several of these outlets outside; if not, have some installed by a licensed electrician. If you have existing GFCIs, make sure they work properly.

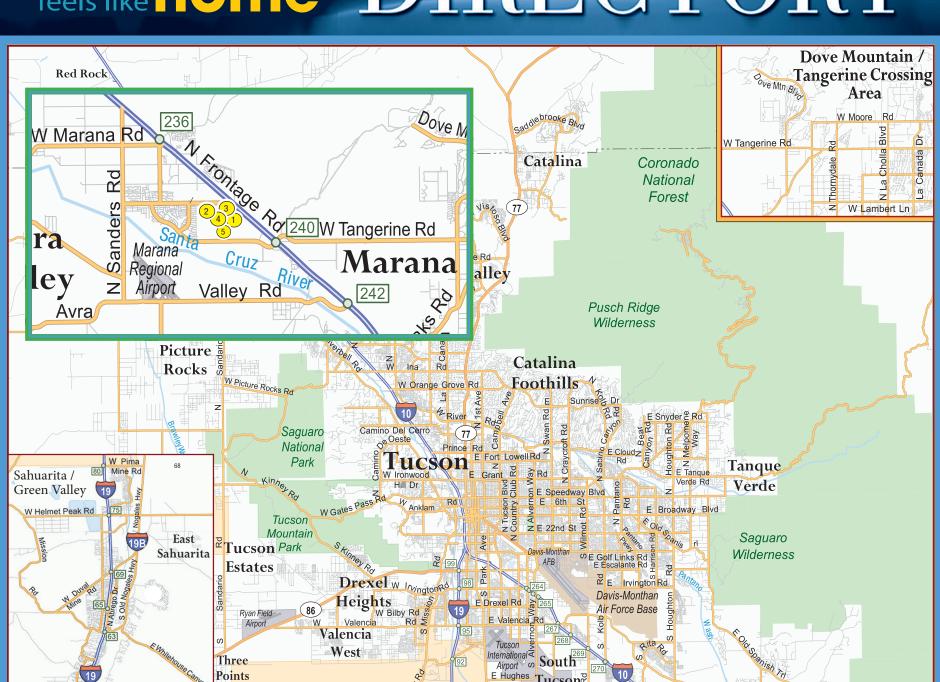
At the hardware store or home center, you'll buy a kit including lights, 100 feet of low-voltage cable and a transformer to convert your home's current into low-voltage current for the lights. Get a high-quality transformer that's slightly bigger than the total wattage of the lights you will use. You may want to buy two smaller transformers instead of one large one.

Follow instructions on the kit. The hardest part of the job will probably be digging a shallow trench for the cable that carries power to the lights.

Another option for path lighting is solar lighting. You won't have as much control over the lights, and they may not be as effective on cloudy days. However, they are a great option for those who are short on time.

An Arizona home building and remodeling industry expert since 1988, Rosie Romero is the host of the syndicated Saturday morning Rosie on the House radio broadcast, heard locally from 10 to 11 a.m. on KNST-AM (790). Call 1-888-767-4348 to ask your questions Tuesday through Saturday.





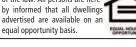
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NORTHWEST						
1 Fieldstone at Gladden Farms	Meritage Homes	10309 W Robertson Street, Marana, AZ 85653	W Robertson St and N Maybin Dr	\$364,490	\$386,490	(520) 471-3550
2 Glenmere at Gladden Farms	Mattamy Homes	12589 N Ellie Avenue, Marana, AZ 85653	W Mike Etter Blvd and N Rihl Dr	\$382,000	\$430,000	(520) 447-1611
3 Legends at Gladden Farms	KB Home	12584 N Krista Avenue, Marana, AZ 85653	W Waveland Dr and W Walton Dr	\$302,990	\$378,990	(520) 336-8195
4 Parkside at Gladden Farms	Richmond American	10583 W Walker Brown Drive, Marana, AZ 85653	W Walker Brown Dr and N Bonfield Ave	\$414,990	\$538,458	(520) 549-1772
5 Sunstone at Gladden Farms	Lennar	10489 E Beaman Lane, Marana, AZ 85653	W Tangerine Rd and N Midfield Rd	\$303,990	\$507,990	(520) 843-0034

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#### **DENICE SELLS TUCSON**

LA PALOMA - This charming 2BB/3BA - 2,467 SqFt patio home offers a tranquil retreat. The well-appointed cook's Kitchen includes a gas stove, double wall ovens, & island. The spacious living room boasts cathedral ceilings, a warm FP, and new plank wood flooring. The den/office showcases built-in bookshelves and cabinetry, perfect for storage and organization. Breathtaking views of the city lights, mountains and golf course! \$775K MLS# 22424899

MERCADO SAN AGUSTIN - Discover a rare gem: an iconic home nestled in the heart of Mercado San Agustin. This elegant, custom-designed residence radiates European charm and features a versatile floor plan perfect for modern living. 3BR/3BA 2,720 sq ft - Beautifully appointed cook's kitchen, spacious, light-filled spaces, great room, separate den, separate den. Balconies, covered screen patio, pool, fruit trees. \$1,495,000 MLS# 22423481

SAM HUGHES - Beautifully and extensively renovated, 1933 Historic home bordering Himmel Park. This quintessential Sam Hughes home has 3 bedrooms and 3 full baths, hardwood floors, Thermal Dual-Pane Windows, Cook's kitchen with stainless steel appliances, two Primary bedrooms have en-suite baths and separate entrances. Fully landscaped with orchard and grapevines, walled and extremely private. 2 car garage! walk to UofA, Restaurants & more! \$1,155,000 MLS# 22426134

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SAM HUGHES - Beautifully & impeccably renovated, 4BR/2.5BA home. Blonde plank wood flooring. New & ample kitchen cabinetry has tons of storage, quartz counters, in this great cook's kitchen, new fixtures & hardware, SS appliances, tiled back splash and eat-in area. New dual pane windows! New light fixtures! Dining area, sunken living room, French doors to a covered back patio. Walled and private, large mesquite trees, off street parking, 1 car garage, plus electronic gate. \$795K MLS# 22428108

CENTRAL CONDO - NEW A/C! Located in highly desirable Sam Hughes El Encanto Apartments! This 2nd story home offers 2 balconies, 1454 sq ft and provides a well-appointed living space with 2BR/2BA. French doors in Dining area lead to a covered balcony overlooking gardens w/Mt. Views. Cute & functional galley kitchen with SS appliances & granite counters. The grounds are impeccably cared for and are lush w/trees, flowering gardens & a pool! \$299,995 MLS# 22422117

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#### **Notes & Accolades** An Advertising Feature

#### **KATHY BALDAUF** - THE KATHY **BALDAUF TEAM**

This year, Kathy Baldauf and her team from the Oro Valley office celebrate their place in the 2024 Chairman's Club. Kathy also celebrates a major career milestone-20

successful years in real estate! A proud Tucson native and UArizona graduate, Kathy combines deep local market knowledge with a fierce dedication to client advocacy in every transaction. Cheers to two decades of excellence and many more successful years to come!

#### **LAURA ROSE ZORRILLA**

"I'm not just a REAL-

TOR®—I'm someone who's absolutely passionate about what I do," says Laura Rose Zorrilla from

the River Campbell office, celebrating her well-earned

place in the 2024 Chairman's Club! Dedicated to providing personalized and seamless client service, Laura builds long-lasting relationships with her clients. Her genuine enthusiasm and commitment to helping people find their perfect properties set her apart in the industry.

#### ANDRIANA 'ANDI' **CARRASCO** -**TEAM CARRASCO**

Congratulations to Andriana

'Andi' Carrasco and Team Carrasco from the River Campbell office for securing their spot in the 2024 Chairmans Club! A Tucson native

and UArizona alum, Andi brings over a decade of real estate experience, a strong background in business, and unmatched compassion to her clients. Known for her positivity, dedication, and willingness to go the extra mile, Andi ensures each client feels supported from start to finish.

#### THE JERRI AND **ANDY SZACH**

**TEAM** 

Kudos to the Jerri and Andy Szach Team from the Foothills office for securing a spot in the 2024 Chairman's Club! With over 30 years of experience, Jerri and Andy combine

real estate expertise, sharp negotiation, and hands-on building knowledge. Jerri's management and teaching background, along with Andy's construction and lot assessment skills, offer clients a unique advantage-building a business based on repeat clients and referrals.



**TANNER** LONG REALTY

"I'm in it to win it!" says Kellie Tanner from the Tanque Verde office. Passionate about helping clients through their real estate journey, Kellie takes pride in making each transaction

as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. Kellie goes above and beyond to build lasting relationships with her clients, ensuring they feel supported and informed every step of the way. Congratulations to Kellie on her well-deserved place in the 2024 Chairman's Club!

#### STARR DE

VARONA ONG REALT

Cheers to Starr De Varona from the Dove Mountain office for earning her place in the 2024 President's Club following a successful year! Starr's expertise spans residential, land, ranch properties, and more

Clients describe her as "extremely knowledgeable" and appreciate her dedication to "communicating well every step of the way," ensuring a smooth and seamless experience.

talk about versatility!

#### JANNICE "SAM"

**DE-DIOS-GOODWIN** TIERRA ANTIGUA REALTY Happy twenty-Year Anniversary to Jannice "Sam"! With two decades of dedication, Sam brings

extensive knowledge of local

communities, market trends,

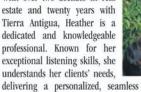
and the entire buying and

selling process. She consistently

delivers exceptional service, ensuring clients have a smooth and rewarding real estate experience. From finding the right home at the best price to expertly marketing properties, negotiating offers, and managing every detail through closing, Sam is committed to guiding clients at every step. Her deep expertise and client-focused approach make her a trusted partner for all real estate needs

#### **HEATHER**

**POYAS** TIERRA ANTIGUA REALTY With over two decades in real estate and twenty years with Tierra Antigua, Heather is a dedicated and knowledgeable professional. Known for her exceptional listening skills, she



delivering a personalized, seamless experience. Heather's outstanding negotiation skills and commitment make her a trusted advocate, always working toward the best possible outcomes. Her dedication, warmth, and expertise make Heather an invaluable asset to the Tierra Antigua team and every client she serves. Happy twenty-year anniversary, Heather!

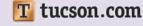
#### **JESSICA**

HOWE TIERRA ANTIGUA REALTY Jessica Howe's from pharmacist to realtor showcases her commitment to helping people in meaningful ways. Her recent PRO Designation



and her collaboration with her mother, YoYo, enhances the personalized, family-driven service she offers. Known for her tenacity and proactive approach, Jessica is always prepared to go the extra mile, ensuring her clients feel valued and supported through every step of their real estate journey. Congratulations, Jessica!

First-time homebuyers can find helpful buying information and look at homes throughout the valley at **tucson.com**. There are tips on financing a home purchase, other expert advice and help in calculating how much a buyer can afford – all at:



#### SURPRISING HIDDEN COSTS OF HOME OWNERSHIP

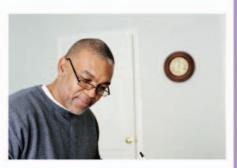
A home is the most expensive purchase many people ever make. Buyers understand that certain costs come with home ownership. However, some of the costs associated with home ownership can catch even the most savvy savers offguard. And in recent years, those extra costs have been surging.

The following are some of the unexpected expenses that come with living the homeowner dream.

Property taxes: Depending on where you live, property taxes can comprise a large portion of monthly expenses. Some people pay their property taxes separate from their mortgage payments. Others wrap the tax burden into their mortgage bill. Either way, Business Insider reports that New Jersey currently has the highest effective property tax rate in the United States, with a median Garden State property tax bill at \$9,000 annually.

The lowest property tax rate is found in Hawaii, and the average homeowner there pays only \$2,000 in property taxes annuMaintenance: Even a brand new home will require some measure of maintenance and routine upkeep. Bankrate indicates one of the biggest costs of owning a home is maintenance, coming in at roughly \$3,018 a year and an additional \$3,300 for improvements. Lawn care, home cleaning, pest prevention, replacing smoke alarms and batteries, roof repair, and clearing rain gutters are some of those costs.

¥HOA and CDD fees: Some communities impose homeowners association fees on those who live within the neighborhood. Such fees cover items like maintenance in and around the community and snow removal. A Community Development District Fee is imposed by the developer of a neighborhood or subdivision to finance the cost of amenities in a



neighborhood. Homeowners should be aware of these fees before buying in an HOA community.

Apart from these expenses, annual utility payments can be quite expensive. Utilizing utility plans that offer a fixed cost per month can help homeowners budget for utility expenses more readily. Home ownership can be costly. Buyers would be wise to familiarize themselves with some of the hidden costs of owning a home prior to purchasing one of their

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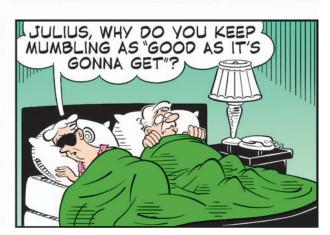












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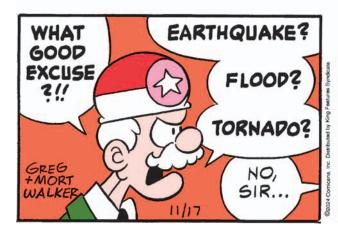
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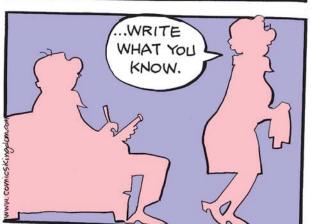


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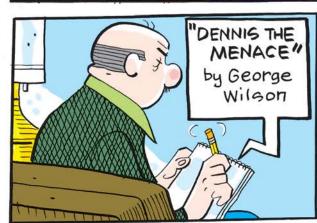












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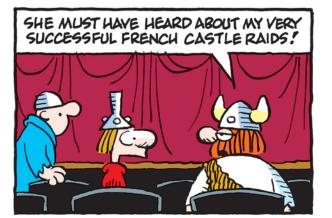






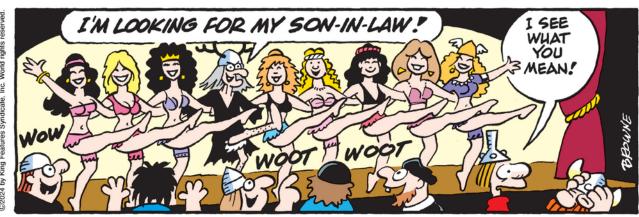
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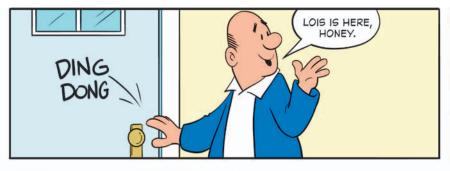










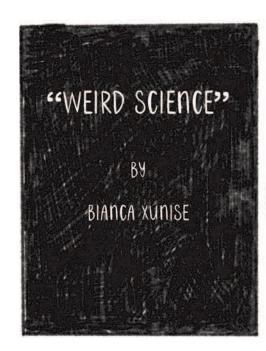




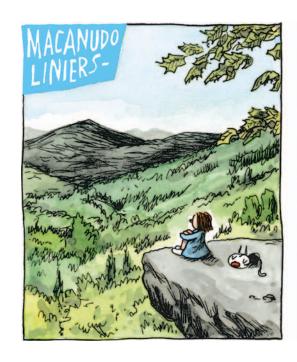














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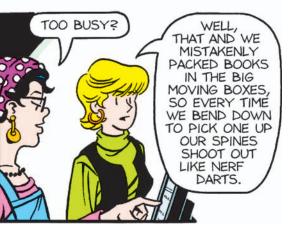






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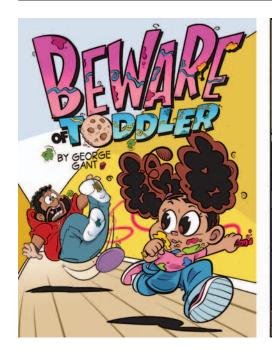




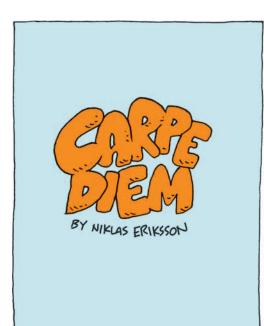








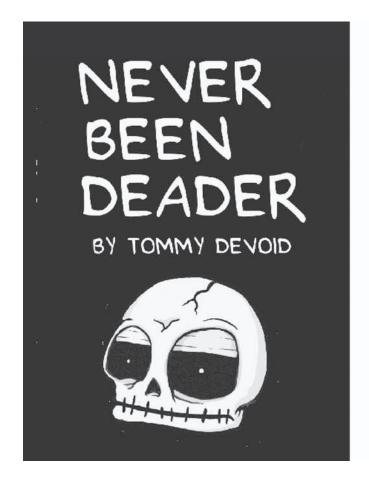


















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